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ESSEX COUNTY
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Incorporated June 21, 1793

Area 14.99 sq. miles

Sixth Congressional District

Fifth Councillor District

Third Essex Senatorial District

Fifteenth Essex Representative District

1957 OFFICIALS

Congressman—William H. Bates of Salem

Councillor—Augustus G. Means of Essex

Senator—Philip A. Graham of Hamilton

Representatives (2) { Cornelius J. Murray of Beverly
Clarence S. Wilkinson of Beverly

County Commissioners (3) { C. F. Nelson Pratt of Saugus
Arthur A. Thompson of Methuen
John R. Ahern of Lawrence

Population

1920	1631	(Federal Census)
1925	2018	(State ")
1930	2044	(Federal ")
1935	2235	(State ")
1940	2037	(Federal ")
1945	2387	(State ")
1950	2764	(Federal ")
1955	4116	(State ")

1956 TOWN OFFICERS

Elected and Appointed

Selectmen

LAWRENCE LAMSON, Chairman
LAWRENCE R. STONE EVERETT F. HALEY

Board of Public Welfare

LAWRENCE R. STONE, Chairman
LAWRENCE LAMSON EVERETT F. HALEY

Welfare Agent

BERNARD A. CULLEN

Board of Health

EVERETT F. HALEY, Chairman
LAWRENCE LAMSON LAWRENCE R. STONE

Moderator

JOHN H. PERKINS

Town Clerk—Town Accountant

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE

Treasurer

WALFRED B. SELLMAN

Tax Collector

BERTHA L. CROWELL

Assessors

ROBERT H. CHITTICK, Chairman
Term expires 1959

ELMO O. ADAMS ARTHUR L. BENNETT
Term expires 1958 Term expires 1957

Planning Board

GEORGE C. CUTLER, JR., Chairman
Term expires 1960

PAUL F. PERKINS, JR. M. KEITH LANDER
Term expires 1961 Term expires 1958

FRANCIS C. MOYNIHAN HENRY J. GOURDEAU
Term expires 1957 Term expires 1959

Sealer of Weights and Measures
ERVING O. MAXWELL

Dog Officer
HUGH E. MACDONALD

Civil Defense Director

Dental Clinic

DR. JOHN KING, Dentist
MISS FLORENCE L. STOBART, Nurse

Surveyor of Highways

CHARLES F. POOLE

Veterans' Agent

LAWRENCE LAMSON

Veterans' Service Director

BERNARD A. CULLEN

School Committee

ALLAN MacCURRACH, Chairman
Term expires 1958

GRACE B. LAMSON
Term expires 1957

FREDERICK J. CALDWELL
Term expires 1959

Superintendent of Schools
DOUGLAS A. CHANDLER

Trustees of Public Library
JOHN F. NEARY, Chairman
Term expires 1958

SARAH H. TRUSSELL
Term expires 1959

MELVIN F. REID, Resigned
JANICE P. PULSIFER
Term expires 1957

Librarians

LOUISE C. BROWN
Main Library

CYNTHIA B. WIGGIN
Branch Library

Park Commissioners

ALBERT P. LOUGEE, Chairman
Term expires 1957

RAY M. SANFORD
Term expires 1959

PHILIP C. HOPKINS
Term expires 1958

Park Superintendent
HENRY J. STELLINE

Water Commissioners

GORDON L. THOMPSON, Chairman
Term expires 1958

GEORGE A. HARRIGAN
Term expires 1959

RICHARD H. SMITH
Term expires 1957

Superintendent of Water Works
RAYMOND A. WHIPPLE

Cemetery Commissioners

PAUL S. TUCKER, Chairman
Term expires 1959

JOHN T. WALKE
Term expires 1958

RAYMOND A. WHIPPLE, Resigned
LUTHER M. CAVERLY
Term expires 1957

Cemetery Superintendent
PHILIP S. PLUMMER

Board of Appeals, under Protective (Zoning) By-Law

GEORGE G. BECKETT, Chairman
Term expires 1957

JOHN F. NEARY
Term expires 1958

ELMER H. SMITH
Term expires 1959

F. HARLAN CLOCK, Associate Member

Board of Appeals, under Building By-Law

JEROME F. FLYNN, Chairman

CLARK S. SEARS
W. WHITNEY LUNDGREN

CARL POEHLER, JR.
LAWRENCE C. FOSTER

Measurers of Wood, Lumber and Bark

THEODORE E. JOHNSON
ERNEST M. BARKER

FRANK W. BUZZELL
LEON S. PERKINS

Field Drivers

CARL C. ANDERSON
WILLIAM W. BANCROFT

ERNEST M. BARKER
HAROLD M. DODGE

Fence Viewers

JAMES S. MacLAREN

HAROLD A. DALEY

EDWARD A. UNDERHILL

Union Health Department Study Committee

HAROLD A. DALEY, Chairman

DR. ALBERT R. LARCHEZ SAMUEL J. TYACK
PAUL F. PERKINS, JR.

School Needs Study Committee

ALLAN MacCURRENACH, Chairman

FREDERICK J. CALDWELL GRACE B. LAMSON
DOUGLAS A. CHANDLER JOHN F. NEARY
GEORGE C. CUTLER MORLEY L. PIPER
HENRY J. GOURDEAU

*School Building Committee For Plans, Studies and Site**For New Elementary School Building*

Authority of Special Town Meeting, July 16, 1956

FREDERIC WINTHROP, Chairman

ALLEN MacCURRENACH HENRY J. GOURDEAU
FREDERICK J. CALDWELL DONALD L. MILLER
GRACE B. LAMSON JOHN F. NEARY
ELMER H. SMITH

*Committee Appointed To Consider the Use or Disposition of**The Jonathan Lamson School Building*

Appointed by Authority of Vote of Special Town Meeting
January 4, 1956

LAWRENCE R. STONE

ELMER H. SMITH JOHN T. WALKE
HENRY J. GOURDEAU JOHN C. GARLAND

*School Building Committee to Construct Two New Classrooms**To Be Added To Manasseh Cutler School*

Authorized by Special Town Meeting held January 4, 1956 and
Annual Town Meeting held March 5, 1956

ALLAN MacCURRENACH, Chairman

FREDERICK J. CALDWELL GRACE B. LAMSON
DOUGLAS A. CHANDLER JOHN F. NEARY
GEORGE C. CUTLER MORLEY L. PIPER
HENRY J. GOURDEAU

Building and Electrical Code Study Committee

ARTHUR M. KNIGHT, Chairman

CARL POEHLER, JR.

A. MERRILL CUMMINGS

JEROME F. FLYNN

OMER J. POIRIER

Committee to Investigate Fire and Police Housing

LAWRENCE LAMSON, Chairman

EDWARD FREDERICK

G. GORDON LOVE

A. MERRILL CUMMINGS

HENRY J. GOURDEAU

REPORT
of the
TOWN CLERK
1956

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

To the Citizens of Hamilton:

I submit herewith my thirteenth annual report as Clerk of our Town of Hamilton.

During the year 1956 the elections and town meetings consisted of a Special Town Meeting held January 4th which was an adjournment of the Special Town Meeting called for December 14, 1955 but adjourned to January 4, 1956 due to lack of quorum; the annual Town Meeting and Election which were held March 5th and 13th respectively; the Presidential Primary held April 24; a Special Town Meeting held July 16; the State Primary held September 18th; and the State Election held November 6th. All of the town meetings and elections were held in the High School Auditorium. A detailed report of each is printed in the town report as part of the Town Clerk's report.

A list of births, marriages and deaths recorded during the year is also included as a part of the Clerk's report. Each year the returns of several births and marriages are not received until after the list has been compiled and delivered to the printer, resulting in the record not being printed in the town report, although including in the official town records.

I express my sincere appreciation to all the townspeople and town officials who have assisted me during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE

Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Held in the High School Auditorium, January 4, 1956

Report of Special Town Meeting called for December 14, 1955, but due to lack of quorum was adjourned to January 4, 1956.

A count of the Voters by the Moderator and the Town Clerk showed that more than the necessary 200 to constitute a quorum were present.

Meeting called to order at 8:10 P.M. by Moderator John H. Perkins, and Invocation offered by Rev. Edward J. MacLaughlin.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to receive and accept the second special report of the School Building Needs Committee relative to its activities and investigations from December 1954 to the present time as an interim report and to continue the committee until the next annual meeting, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Moved by Lawrence Lamson and duly seconded "that the town receive and accept the Second Special Report of the School Building Needs Committee relative to its activities and investigations from December 1954 to the present time as an interim report and to continue the Committee until the next annual meeting.

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to purchase the two-room unit which has been added to the Manasseh Cutler School under an agreement, dated February 11, 1955, between The New England Development Corporation and the Hamilton School Committee, and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the foregoing purpose and to determine the manner in which the appropriation is to be raised, whether by taxation or borrowing, by transfer of available funds or otherwise, or to do or act in any manner relevant thereto.

Moved by Morley L. Piper and duly seconded "that the town purchase the two-room unit which has been added to the Manasseh Cutler School under an agreement dated February 11, 1955 between the New England Development Corporation and the Hamilton School Committee for the sum of \$45,000 which sum is hereby appropriated, and for the foregoing purpose there be transferred \$45,000 from the Excess and Deficiency Fund of the town."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the present School Building Needs Committee to serve as a School Building Committee for the purpose of causing specifications, plans and estimates to be prepared for the construction of two new classrooms to be added to

the Manasseh Cutler School, consistent with the over-all educational plan outlined by the School Building Needs Committee in its second special report on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Account a sum of money for the same, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Moved by Eleanor R. MacKenzie "that the Town authorize the present School Building Needs Committee to serve as a Building Committee for the purpose of causing specifications, plans, and estimates to be prepared for the construction of two new classrooms to be added to the Manasseh Cutler School, consistent with the over-all educational plan outlined by the School Building Needs Committee in its second special report on file in the office of the Town Clerk and that the sum of \$1500 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account for such purpose.

Voice Vote. Motion declared unanimously carried.

Article 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to make a survey and tests for the purpose of determining the availability of additional water supplies within the town and storage facilities therefor, and transfer the sum of \$2500.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account for such purpose, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Moved by George A. Harrigan and duly seconded "that the Town authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to make a survey and tests for the purpose of determining the availability of additional water supplies within the town and storage facilities therefor, and that the sum of \$2500.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account for such purposes."

Voice Vote. Motion declared unanimously carried.

Article 5. To see if the Town will authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee consisting of five registered voters of the town to consider and investigate the use or disposition of the Jonathan Lamson School building, and to report its recommendations at the annual town meeting for 1956, or take any action thereon or relative thereto.

Moved by Lawrence R. Stone and duly seconded "that the Town authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee consisting of five registered voters of the town to consider and investigate the use or disposition of the Jonathan Lamson School building, and to report its recommendations at the annual town meeting for 1956."

Voice Vote. Motion declared unanimously carried.

In accordance with the vote passed under Article 5, the Moderator appointed Lawrence R. Stone, John C. Garland, Henry J. Gourdeau, John T. Walke and Elmer H. Smith as members of the committee.

There being no further business to legally come before the meeting, it was moved by Everett F. Haley and duly seconded that the meeting adjourn.

Voice Vote. Motion declared unanimously carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Attest:

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE,

Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
 Held in the High School Auditorium, March 5, 1956
 AND OF THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
 HELD MARCH 13, 1956

MODERATOR: John H. Perkins

ELECTION OFFICERS

Checkers

Henry C. Jackson	George Morrow
Freida E. Colwell	Bernard A. Cullen
Edward J. Ready	

Counters

Thomas Sargent	Frank Tuck
Katherine Day	Hazel Bray
Jessie Cunningham	Mary Greeley
Jean Austin	Philip Hopkins

Police

Robert W. Poole	Edward Frederick
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Town Clerk

Francis H. Whipple

Article 2. The Moderator, Mr. John H. Perkins, opened the meeting at seven thirty-five (7:35) in the evening on Monday, March 5, 1956.

Rev. Halsey DeWolf Howe lead the meeting in prayer.

Moderator: "The first business of the evening is Article 2: "To choose and appoint all other Town Officers in such manner as the Town may determine."

Moved by Mr. Lawrence R. Stone and duly seconded: "That four field drivers and four measurers of wood, lumber and bark be elected by the meeting from the floor and that the field drivers be nominated and elected first and the measurers of wood, lumber and bark immediately following."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Moved by Mr. Lawrence R. Stone and duly seconded: "That Harold M. Dodge, Carl C. Anderson, William W. Bancroft and Ernest M. Barker be elected field drivers for the ensuing year."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Moved by Mr. Lawrence R. Stone and duly seconded: "That Theodore E. Johnson, Frank W. Buzzell, Ernest M. Barker and Leon S. Perkins be elected measurers of wood, lumber and bark for the ensuing year."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 3. Moderator: "To hear the reports of the Town Officers and of the Finance and Advisory Committee and all other committees and take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Lawrence Lamson and duly seconded: "That the reports of the Town Officers and of the Finance and Advisory Committee and all other committees, excepting the School Building Needs Committee, the Committee appointed to investigate the use or disposition of the Jonathan Lamson School Building, as printed or inserted in the town report for 1955 be received and placed on file, and the report of the two committees excepted be received under Articles 9 and 14 respectively."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 4. Moderator: "To raise and appropriate money for Schools, Highways and all other Town Expenses and determine the manner of expending the same."

Mr. Frederic Winthrop: "The Finance and Advisory Committee, with the cooperation of the other departments, has given a great deal of consideration to the budget. There are some minor changes which you will note as the Moderator reads the figures. If you will look on the last page of the recommended budget, you will see an estimated tax rate of \$44, which is up \$2 over last year. We are faced with a great deal of expense in the future. We have schools staring us in the face which will amount to a great deal of money, we have a water problem coming up, and we may have to have sewers as the population increases. The tax rate is bound to go up, so we should be as prudent as we can. We urge you to do nothing which is unnecessary."

Moderator: "I shall now read the items and the recommended amounts, and if debate is wished on any item, call "Pass." The items passed will be taken up in order after the others have been voted as a whole."

Finance and Advisory Committee \$ 20.00

Selectmen:

Salaries and Wages	.....	3,390.00
Expenses	.....	2,600.00

Town Accountant:

Salaries and Wages	.....	4,000.00
Expenses	.....	300.00

Treasurer :		
Salaries and Wages	.....	1,600.00
Expenses	.....	475.00
New Check Writer	.....	225.00
Tax Collector :		
Salaries and Wages	.....	1,800.00
Expenses	.....	850.00
Assessors :		
Salaries and Wages	.....	2,500.00
Expenses	.....	560.00
Law :		
Salaries and Wages	.....	800.00
Expenses	.....	200.00
Town Clerk :		
Salaries and Wages	.....	1,000.00
Expenses	.....	350.00
Election and Registrations :		
Expenses	.....	2,500.00
Town Hall :		
Salaries and Wages	.....	3,000.00
Expenses	.....	2,500.00
Painting and Repairs	.....	3,000.00
Police :		
Salaries and Wages	.....	11,665.00
Expenses	.....	2,900.00
Fire :		
Salaries and Wages	.....	2,800.00
Expenses	.....	2,500.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures :		
Salaries and Wages	.....	230.00
Expenses	.....	100.00
Moth—Town :		
Salaries of Supts.	.....	2,150.00
Wages	.....	1,370.00
Expenses	.....	600.00
Moth—Private :		
Expenses	.....	PASSED
		300.00

Tree Warden :		
Salary of Supt.	-----	1,410.00
Wages	-----	2,500.00
Pruning Elms	-----	1,500.00
Forest Fire Warden :		
Salary	-----	40.00
Health :		
Salaries and Wages	-----	180.00
Expenses	-----	1,500.00
Milk Inspector	-----	75.00
Animal Inspector :		
Salary and Expenses	-----	140.00
Dental Clinic :		
Salary of Nurse	-----	200.00
Expenses	-----	3,300.00
Sanitation (Garbage and Refuse Removal) :		
Salaries and Wages	-----	11,665.00
Expenses	-----	1,750.00
Highways :		
Salary of Surveyor	-----	3,560.00
Wages	-----	18,483.00
Expenses	-----	6,445.00
Snow Removal and Sanding	-----	6,500.00
Street Lighting	-----	10,300.00
Sidewalks	-----	800.00
Gravel Roads	-----	5,000.00
Heating Garage	-----	920.00
Public Welfare :		
Salaries and Wages	-----	120.00
Expenses	-----	5,000.00
Old Age Assistance :		
Assistance	-----	24,000.00
Expenses	-----	2,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children :		
Aid	-----	4,500.00
Disability Assistance :		
Aid	-----	3,500.00
Veterans' Benefits :		
Benefits	-----	4,000.00

Schools :

General Expense	12,850.00
Expense of Instruction	155,893.00
Textbooks and Supplies	9,990.00
Operation of Plant	25,600.00
Maintenance of Plant	7,817.00
Auxiliary Agencies	18,827.00
Outlay	3,160.00
Special Appropriations	1,150.00

Libraries :

Salaries and Wages	1,700.00
Expenses	2,810.00

Parks :

Salary of Supt.	3,000.00
Salary of Instructors and Clerk	945.00
Labor	2,200.00
Expenses	2,250.00
New Equipment (2nd Hand Truck in 1956)	750.00

Pensions :

Retirement Fund	5,753.65
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Unclassified :

Town Reports	1,822.00
Memorial Day	700.00
Planning Board	500.00
Town Clock	100.00
Veterans Quarters	1,000.00
Insurance	6,800.00
Reserve Fund	5,000.00

Water Department :

Salary of Supt.	3,560.00
Wages	6,700.00
Expenses	PASSED
Extension of Mains	14,275.00

Cemeteries :

Salary of Supt.	3,000.00
Wages	900.00
Expenses	PASSED
New Equipment (2nd Hand Truck in 1956)	1,000.00

Maturing Debt and Interest :

Maturing Debt	58,000.00
Interest	11,250.00

Moved by Mr. John C. Garland and duly seconded: "That the various appropriations considered seriatim as amended be approved and that the meeting now proceed to the consideration of the items that were passed."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Moderator: "We shall now go back to the appropriation for Tree Warden, as passed."

Mr. Frederick Winthrop: "The Tree Warden wants an electric chain saw and generator, which has become a necessity. There is a large amount of risk to send a man up alone with a power saw. It is very dangerous. An electric saw is simple to use. With the trade-in of the four-year-old power saw, the cost will be \$458."

Mr. Rudolph H. Haraden: "The expense item has not been included in the budget."

Mr. Frederic Winthrop: "In error, the expense money for the Tree Warden was omitted. The expenses amount to \$360 — \$160 for expenses and \$200 for planting trees — in addition to \$460 for the chain saw and generator."

Moved by Mr. Frederic Winthrop and duly seconded: "That \$820.00 be appropriated to cover expenses and the purchase of an electric chain saw and generator."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Moderator: "We shall now take up the appropriation for Water Department expenses, as passed."

Mr. Gordon L. Thompson: "I would like to propose an increase by \$3000 to give us money for more boring, engineering fees and tests. We have put in 24 holes, and we hit ample water but it was high in iron. We would like to have \$3000 more to further find the water that is needed by the town. We are at the present time testing in the Bradley-Palmer Park. It looks as though we have found water without iron, and we need the money to run more tests."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Moderator: "We shall now take up the appropriations for Cemeteries wages and expenses, as passed."

Mr. John T. Walke: "I move that this item read as follows:

Wages and Expenses	-----	\$900.00
Salary of Clerk	-----	200.00
Salaries of Commissioners	-----	75.00"

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 5. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction on Chebacco Road and Linden Street, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Everett F. Haley and duly seconded: "That this article be divided into two parts and that we act on Chebacco Road first and Linden Street second."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Moved by Mr. Everett F. Haley and duly seconded: "That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4000 for Chapter 90 Highway Construction on Chebacco Road, to be expended for its share of the work, and that available funds may be used to carry on the work until the Town is reimbursed for the state and county share of the work."

Mr. Frederic Winthrop: "The Finance Committee does not agree with the Selectmen on making Chebacco Road into a public way. In the first place, there are no citizens of the Town living on Chebacco Road. There are already three good roads to Manchester, one through Essex, Route 128 and Route 1A. \$4000 would only go a short way. The Surveyor of Highways estimates another \$12,000 to finish it up. We feel it is a waste of money and unnecessary. Town funds should be spent on roads serving more people."

Voice Vote. Motion defeated.

Moved by Mr. Everett F. Haley and duly seconded: "That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$250 for Chapter 90 Construction on Linden Street, to be expended for its share of the work, and that available funds may be used to carry on the work until the Town is reimbursed for the state and county share of the work."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 6. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance of various streets in town, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Lawrence R. Stone and duly seconded: "That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000 for Chapter 90 Maintenance of various streets, to be expended for its share of the work, and that available funds may be used to carry on the work until the Town is reimbursed for the state and county share of the work."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 7. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to provide additional water supply and additional storage and distribution facilities, and in connection therewith to acquire real estate and interest therein by eminent domain, purchase or otherwise, to construct and originally equip with pump and equipment a pump house, to lay water mains, drive and construct wells and construct new or enlarge existing reservoirs, and for the foregoing purposes raise and appropriate a sum of money and to determine the manner in which the appropriation is to be raised, whether by taxation or borrowing, by transfer of available funds or otherwise, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Gordon L. Thompson and duly seconded: "That this Article be indefinitely postponed."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 8. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to construct, originally equip and furnish, a two-room addition to the present Manasseh Cutler School, to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the foregoing purposes and to determine the manner in which the appropriation is to be raised, whether by taxation or borrowing, by transfer of available funds or otherwise, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Allan MacCurrach and duly seconded: "That the Town construct and originally equip and furnish a two-room addition to the Manasseh Cutler School, such construction, equipping and furnishing to be done under the supervision of the School Building Committee, for the cost of which the sum of \$45,000 is hereby appropriated by the transfer of such sum from the Excess and Deficiency Account for these purposes.

I am pleased to say that negotiations have been started and state aid will be forthcoming. You will note that the \$45,000 will be taken from the Excess and Deficiency Account, which will not affect the tax rate."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 9. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to receive and accept the Third Report of the School Building Needs Committee for the period from January 1956 to the present time as an interim report, to continue the Committee for the purpose of making further study and investigation concerning school housing needs, such Committee to render its report at a town meeting at or before the next annual town meeting, and that the sum of \$500 be raised and appropriated for this purpose, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Morley L. Piper and duly seconded: "That the Third Report of the School Building Needs Committee for the period from January 1956 to the present, be and the same hereby is accepted as an interim report, and that the Committee be continued for the purpose of making a further study and investigation concerning school housing needs, the Committee to render its report thereon at a town meeting at or before the next annual town meeting, and that the sum of \$500 be appropriated for the purposes of the Committee."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 10. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to construct a parking area on a portion of the Engine House Lot, so-called, located at the corner of Railroad Avenue and Willow Street, the work to be done under the direction and supervision of the Board of Selectmen, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money for such purpose, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Lawrence Lamson and duly seconded: "That the open area of the Engine House lot, so-called, located at the corner of Railroad Avenue and Willow Street, be transferred from the custody of the Board of Engineers to that of the Selectmen, and that the area be

made into a parking lot for the public with a hard-top surface, the work to be done by the Town under the direction and supervision of the Selectmen, and that the sum of \$400 be appropriated for such purposes.”

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 11. Moderator: “To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 670 of the Acts and Resolves of 1955, being an act ‘relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees,’ or take any action thereon or relative thereto.”

Moved by Mr. Everett F. Haley and duly seconded: “That the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 670 of the Acts and Resolves of 1955, being an act ‘relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees.’”

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 12. Moderator: “To see if the Town will vote to sell for not less than \$2000 all its right, title and interest in and to a parcel of land and the easements and rights appurtenant thereto and belonging to the Town taken in 1943 by the Town by eminent domain for the purpose of a public playground and recreational center and shown on a Plan of ‘Hamilton Park’ dated August 26, 1886, on file at the office of the Town Clerk, and on a Plan entitled ‘Plan of Highland Park’ dated September 3, 1887, recorded at Essex (South District) Registry of Deeds, Book 1201, Page 1, said property being described in said taking as beginning at the northeasterly corner of Grant Avenue and Arthur Avenue and running westerly one hundred and twenty feet to Roosevelt Avenue, thence turning and running southerly one hundred feet to a passageway from Roosevelt Avenue to Grant Avenue, thence turning and running easterly one hundred and twenty feet to Grant Avenue, thence turning and running northerly to Arthur Avenue one hundred feet to the point of beginning, and containing approximately twelve thousand (12,000) square feet, be all these measurements more or less, or take action thereon or relative thereto.”

Moved by Mr. Lawrence R. Stone and duly seconded: “That the Town sell for not less than \$2000 all its right, title and interest in and to a parcel of land and the easements and rights appurtenant thereto shown on a plan of ‘Hamilton Park,’ dated September 3, 1887, recorded in Essex (South District) Registry of Deeds, Book 1201, Page 1, said parcel having been the subject of a taking by the Town by eminent domain in 1943 and being described in such taking as beginning at the northeasterly corner of Grant Avenue and Arthur Avenue and running westerly 120 feet to Roosevelt Avenue, thence turning and running southerly 100 feet to a passageway from Roosevelt Avenue to Grant Avenue, thence turning and running easterly 120 feet to Grant Avenue, thence turning and running northerly to Arthur Avenue 100 feet to the point of beginning, and containing approximately 12,000 square feet, be all these measurements more or less.”

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 13. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to authorize and approve the Board of Assessors to use available funds or 'free cash' in an amount not to exceed the sum of \$10,000.00 in determining the tax rate for the year 1956, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Clark S. Sears and duly seconded: "That the Town authorize and approve the Board of Assessors to use available funds or 'free cash' in an amount not to exceed the sum of \$10,000.00 in determining the tax rate for the year 1956."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 14. Moderator: "To hear the report of the Committee appointed to consider and investigate the use or disposition of the Jonathan Lamson School Building, to vote on what use or disposition shall be made of same, and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. John T. Walke and duly seconded: "That the report of the committee appointed to consider the use or disposition of the Jonathan Lamson School Building, distributed with the Town Report for 1955, be and said report is hereby accepted and that the building be removed, saving such facilities as may be desirable and the existing foundations, and taking such precautions with respect to the maintenance of the grounds and foundations as may be necessary to protect the public, the work to be done under the supervision of the selectmen, and the sum of \$3000 raised and appropriated for such purposes."

From the floor: "Have you advertised for bids for removal of the building?"

Mr. Walke: "We have never had any authority to do so. However, I believe in advertising it and we will advertise it."

From the floor: "What is the purpose of saving the boiler and the basement foundation?"

Mr. Everett F. Haley: "That is what the \$3000 is for — to protect the foundation. It may be that the building advisor will advise to leave the first floor. It is the thought of a good many of us that this may be the future site of a building to house the police and fire departments, and perhaps a municipal library."

Moved by Mr. Barkley W. Tree and duly seconded: "That this article be placed on the table permanently."

Voice Vote. Motion defeated.

This article requiring a two-thirds vote, the Moderator chose tellers and called for a standing vote on the original motion that the Jonathan Lamson School building be removed and that \$3000 be raised and appropriated for such purposes. The count of votes was reported to the Moderator by the tellers, and he announced the vote to be:

In favor: 179

Against: 96

The Moderator then declared the motion defeated.

Article 15. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Building Code By-Law in the form or substantially in the form on file with the Town Clerk, and copies of which are included with the Annual Town Report for 1955, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Jerome F. Flynn and duly seconded: "That the Town By-Laws be and the same hereby are amended by the adoption of a Building Code By-Law in the form distributed with the Town Report for 1955 and at this meeting."

Voice Vote. Motion carried.

Article 16. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Wiring Code By-Law in the form or substantially in the form on file with the Town Clerk, and copies of which are included with the Annual Town Report for 1955, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Jerome F. Flynn and duly seconded: "That the Town By-Laws be and the same hereby are amended by the adoption of a Wiring Code By-Law in the form distributed with the Town Report for 1955 and at this meeting."

Voice Vote. Motion carried.

Article 17. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to abandon and discontinue as a public way a section of Cunningham Drive, such section being that portion of a circular road or turn around which lies northerly of a new northerly line of Cunningham Drive to be established as a semi-circle between stone bounds and shown on 'Plan of Proposed Alteration, Cunningham Drive, Scale 1"=20 feet, Jan. 1956, Chas. H. Morse & Son, Eng'rs, Haverhill, Mass.,' said section to be abandoned being cross-hatched on said plan, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Lawrence Lamson and duly seconded: "That the Town abandon and discontinue as a public way a section of Cunningham Drive, such section being that portion of the circular road or turn around which lies northerly or a new northerly line of Cunningham Drive to be established as a semi-circle between stone bounds and as shown on 'Plan of Proposed Alteration, Cunningham Drive, Scale 1"=20 feet, Jan. 2, 1956, Chas. H. Morse & Son, Eng'rs, Haverhill, Mass.' on file in the office of the Town Clerk."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 18. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public town way Day Avenue, so-called, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a Plan on file with the Town Clerk entitled 'Acceptance Plan, Day Avenue, Hamilton, Mass., December 1955, Chas. H. Morse & Son, Engineers,' or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. A. Wendall Day, Jr., and duly seconded: "That the Town accept as a public way, Day Avenue, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen and shown on a plan entitled 'Acceptance Plan, Day

Avenue, Hamilton, Mass., December 1955, Chas. H. Morse & Son, Engineers,' on file with the Town Clerk."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 19. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public town way a certain way, shown as Fox Run Road, on a plan on file with the Planning Board entitled 'Huntswood, Section A., Hamilton, Mass.' as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on an Acceptance Plan on file with the Town Clerk, and that such way be named Elm Street, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Omer J. Poirier and duly seconded: "That the Town accept as a public town way, Fox Run Road, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen and shown on a plan entitled 'Plan of Fox Run Road, for Acceptance, February 1956, Chas. H. Morse & Son, Engineers, Haverhill, Mass., on file with the Town Clerk, and that such way be named Elm Street."

From the floor: "I would like to make a motion to amend this Article by deleting the words 'Elm Street' and substituting 'Fox Run Road.' "

Mr. Everett F. Haley: "We in the Selectmen have the responsibility to see that they are in proper condition. We asked Mr. Morse to give us a report. We have talked this over with Mr. Poirier, and we just want to bring to your attention that at the present time this road is not in proper condition for acceptance."

Mr. Omer J. Poirier: "There are low spots and holes in the road caused by the frost and a little grading will be needed near the drains. They have our promise that we will take care of that in the Spring."

The Moderator called for a vote on the motion to delete "Elm Street" from the Article and replace it with "Fox Run Road."

Voice Vote. Motion carried.

The Moderator then called for a vote on the original motion to accept Fox Run Road.

Voice Vote. Motion carried.

Article 20. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public town way a section of Tally-Ho Drive, so-called as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan on file with the Town Clerk, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Omer J. Poirier and duly seconded: "That the Town accept as a public way a portion of Tally-Ho Drive, so-called, as laid out by the Selectmen and shown on a plan entitled 'Plan of a Portion of Tally-Ho Drive for Acceptance, Feb. 1956, Chas. H. Morse & Son, Engineers, Haverhill, Mass.,' on file with the Town Clerk."

Voice Vote. Motion carried.

Article 21. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of revenue of the financial year begin-

ning January 1, 1957, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws and Amendments thereto.”

Moved by Mr. Lawrence Lamson and duly seconded: “That the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1957, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a shorter period than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws and Amendments thereto.”

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 22. Moderator: “To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector, may use agreeable to Chapter 41, Section 37, General Laws and Amendments thereto.”

Moved by Mr. Everett F. Haley and duly seconded: “That the Town authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector, may use agreeable to Chapter 41, Section 37, General Laws and Amendments thereto.”

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 23. Moderator: “To act on any other matter that may legally come before said meeting.”

Mr. Melvin F. Reid, Civil Defense Director, took the floor and requested that everyone in the Town read their Civil Defense pamphlets and that those who had not received their copy could obtain them on Election Day at the polls.

Mr. Perkins, the Moderator, read the following letter from Mrs. Bessie Preston Cutler, to whom the Town had paid tribute during the past year:

To the Board of Selectmen and

the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

This is the first opportunity that has presented itself where I could express my most sincere thanks for the very great honor which you bestowed upon me the 26th of June, 1955.

To add to the honor and gifts was an envelope presented to me by Mr. John Perkins with these words “The contents of this envelope is to be used for the good of the communities.”

Fortunately, I did not open the envelope until I had calmed down a bit but the calmness departed when I read the contents—a cheque for \$500.00 to which you had all subscribed. Even greater than the money value was the confidence you had placed in me.

Emotion was too high for common sense to prevail at that time, there was but one thing to do, place it in a Fund in the Beverly Trust Savings Department pending a decision.

During the ensuing months it became evident the sport enjoyed by Hamilton and Wenham could not continue unless drastic measures were taken. The bowling must die out unless "mechanical setters" were installed.

Knowing how much this sport meant to every age I offered the money you so generously had given me to pay for the major part of the installation of the machines, that once again the bowling at the Community House of Hamilton and Wenham might be available for everyone.

It is my hope that you will agree with my decision.

Again my deepest thanks,

Most sincerely,

Bessie Preston Cutler

5 March 1956

Mr. Everett F. Haley made an announcement pertaining to the method of obtaining free polio shots which will be made available during the ensuing year.

Prior to calling for a motion to adjourn, the Moderator, Mr. John H. Perkins, paid tribute to Mr. Frederic Winthrop, who has resigned his position as Chairman of the Finance Committee after ten years of faithful service. On behalf of the citizens of Hamilton, Mr. Perkins expressed sincere appreciation to Mr. Winthrop for the capable and efficient manner in which he has performed the extremely difficult duties required of him as head of the town's Finance and Advisory Committee.

There being no further business, it was voted to adjourn at 9:15 p.m., until 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 13, 1956, at the High School Auditorium, when the balloting under Article 1 shall take place.

Vote on Article 1. March 13, 1956.

Polls were opened at 8:00 a.m. by the Moderator, John H. Perkins. There were 1338 votes cast under Article 1.

Men	658	Voted in Person	1327
Women	680	Absentee Votes	11
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	1338		1338

MODERATOR—for one year

Perkins, John H. 1150 Blanks 188

TOWN CLERK—for one year

Whipple, Francis H. 1195 Blanks 143

SELECTMEN—three for one year

Haley, Everett F. 751 MacKenzie, William F. 635

Lamson, Lawrence 831 Hemenway, Gordon 1

Stone, Lawrence R. 756 Blanks 615

Haraden, Donald G. 425

TREASURER—for one year

Sellman, Walfred B. 1151 Blanks 187

TAX COLLECTOR—for one year

Crowell, Bertha L. 1196 Blanks 142

ASSESSOR—for three years

Chittick, Robert H. 1166 Blanks 172

TREE WARDEN—for one year

Haraden, Rudolph H. 1164 Blanks 174

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR—for one year

Poole, Charles F. 1131 Blanks 207

SCHOOL COMMITTEE—one for three years

Caldwell, Frederick J. 607 Henley, Thomas L. 93

Emery, Richard M. 584 Blanks 54

TRUSTEE PUBLIC LIBRARY—for three years

Trussell, Sarah H. 1112 Blanks 226

WATER COMMISSIONER—for three years

Harrigan, George A. 1102 Blanks 236

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER—for three years

Tucker, Paul S. 1097 Blanks 241

PARK COMMISSIONER—for three years

Sanford, Ray M. 1140 Blanks 198

PLANNING BOARD—one for five years

Perkins, Paul F., Jr. 1082 Blanks 256

The polls were closed at 8:00 p.m. and the Moderator announced the results of the voting and declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Attest:

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE,
Town Clerk

REPORT OF PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Held April 24, 1956

TELLERS AND ELECTION OFFICERS

<i>Republican</i>	<i>Democratic</i>
Lawrence R. Stone	Lawrence Lamson
Everett F. Haley	Mary T. Greeley
Frank H. Tuck	Jessie W. B. Cunningham
Hazel M. C. Bray	Thomas A. Sargent, Jr.
Edward J. Ready	

Town Clerk Francis H. Whipple

Police

Edward Frederick Robert W. Poole

The Warrant was read and polls declared open at one o'clock P.M. by Lawrence Lamson, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

A total of 193 votes were cast, Republican 164, Democratic 29, as follows:

REPUBLICAN VOTE

Delegates At Large (10) and Alter- nate Delegates At Large (10) to National Convention.	William W. White	123
	Sumner G. Whittier	139
	Blanks	395

DELEGATES

Christian A. Herter	150	District Delegates (2) and Alter- nate District Delegates (2) to Na- tional Convention (6th District).
Leverett Saltonstall	149	
Joseph W. Martin, Jr.	142	DELEGATES
Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.	145	Frank S. Giles, Jr.
Sinclair Weeks	138	126
Elmer C. Nelson	126	Herbert S. Tuckerman
Ralph H. Bonnell	130	150
Esther W. Wheeler	131	Blanks
Robert F. Bradford	138	52
Thomas Pappas	125	
Blanks	266	

ALTERNATE DELEGATES

Basil Brewer	116	STATE COMMITTEE (MAN) (Third Essex District)
Bruce Crane	124	William G. Reed
Katherine G. Howard	123	132
Charles J. Innes	124	Blanks
Daniel J. Lynch	120	32
Maxwell M. Rabb	122	
Richard F. Treadway	125	STATE COMMITTEE (WOMAN) (Third Essex District)
John A. Volpe	129	Ann Sheafe Cole
		127
		Blanks
		37

TOWN COMMITTEE (35)	
Harriet F. Adams	128
Nellie E. Woodman	136
Ella D. Johnson	128
Ruth F. Donaldson	135
John R. Hollister	132
Standish Bradford	138
Francis P. Sears, Jr.	133
Lawrence R. Stone	143
John C. Garland	130
George C. Cutler, Jr.	131
Robert H. Chittick	143
Olivia C. Wetson	124
Paul F. Perkins, Jr.	131
Jane W. Caraganis	123
William C. Bickel	123
Barbara I. Sears	128
Philip A. Graham	144
Mary C. Stockwell	125
Frances C. Hollister	128
H. Ruth Smith	127
Sarah H. Trussell	135
Isabelle D. Caldwell	128
W. Whitney Lundgren	129
Richard W. Brown	122
Robert A. Greeley	133
Wilbur C. Marchant	121
James G. Callahan	121
Hazel E. Cram	127
Richard Preston	137
Carolyn C. Preston	130
Blanks	1825
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE	
Eisenhower	132
Blanks	32
DEMOCRATIC VOTE	
Delegates At Large (24) and Alternate Delegates At Large (24) to National Convention.	
DELEGATES	
John F. Kennedy	25
Paul A. Dever	18
John W. McCormack	16
John B. Hynes	18
William H. Burke, Jr.	13
Margaret M. O'Riordan	13
James M. Curley	17
Thomas J. Buckley	14
Edward J. Cronin	15
John E. Powers	16
Michael F. Skerry	13
Albert S. Previte, Jr.	14
John A. Callahan	14
J. William Belanger	12
Daniel Rudsten	11
Ida R. Lyons	11
Garrett H. Byrne	13
Daniel B. Brunton	13
James D. O'Brien	13
John F. Kane	14
Howard W. Fitzpatrick	13
John S. Begley	10
James J. Corbett	14
Jackson J. Holtz	12
Blanks	354
ALTERNATE DELEGATES	
Joseph A. DeGuglielmo	12
J. Henry Goguen	11
Chester A. Dolan, Jr.	14
Michael LoPresti	12
Peter J. Rzeznikiewicz	13
Francis E. Lavigne	11
Salvatore Camileo	11
Leonard J. Warner	11
Silas F. Taylor	10
Mary A. Tomasello	11
Hugh J. McLaughlin	13
Doris M. Racicot	12
Anna Sullivan	13
Mary DePasquale Murray	12
Charles N. Collatos	11
Anthony M. Scibelli	11
Matthew L. McGrath, Jr.	12
Joseph Garecznski, Jr.	13
Edward Krock	10
James R. Carter	12
Thomas J. Hannon	11
Harry L. Silva	11
Jean S. LeCompte	12
John F. Cahill	12
Blanks	415

District Delegates (4) and Alternate District Delegates (4) to National Convention (6th District).

DELEGATES

Francis X. Collins	18
William J. Maguire	15
Albert H. Zabriskie	15
Benjamin A. Smith	14
Blanks	54

ALTERNATE DELEGATES

Margaret T. Jellison	13
Jacob W. Shinberg	12
Blanks	33

STATE COMMITTEE (MAN)
(Third Essex District)

James P. Boyle	9
John J. Brennan	8
Blanks	12

STATE COMMITTEE (WOMAN)
(Third Essex District)

Mona R. Jones	12
Blanks	17

TOWN COMMITTEE (10)

Bernard A. Cullen	20
Stephen J. D'Arcy	23
Morley L. Piper	21
Wanda H. Piper	20
James F. D'Arcy	22
Jessie W. B. Cunningham	16
Lawrence Lamson	20
Thomas A. Sargent, Jr.	19
John Walsh	20
Blanks	109

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

John W. McCormack	4
Adlai Stevenson	16
Estes Kefauver	1
Harry S Truman	1
Blanks	7

The polls were closed by Lawrence Lamson, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, at 8 P.M., and the results of the balloting announced at 9 P.M., April 24, 1956.

Attest:

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE,
Town Clerk

REPORT OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Held in the High School Auditorium, July 16, 1956

The Moderator, Mr. John H. Perkins, opened the meeting at 8:08 p.m. in the evening on Monday, July 16, 1956.

Invocation offered by Rev. Halsey DeWolf Howe.

Moderator: "The first business of the evening is Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to receive and accept the fourth special report of the School Building Needs Committee relative to its activities and investigations from March, 1956, to the present time as an interim report, and to continue the Committee for the purposes of making further study and investigation concerning school housing needs, such Committee to render its report on or before the next annual town meeting."

Moved by Mr. Lawrence Lamson and duly seconded: "That the town receive and accept the fourth special report of the School Building Needs Committee relative to its activities and investigations from March, 1956, to the present time as an interim report, and that the Committee continue its investigations concerning school housing needs, making further recommendations thereon on or before the next annual town meeting."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 2. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to appoint a School Building Committee of eight of which three shall be members of the Hamilton School Committee, for the purpose of selecting a site and securing the services of a competent schoolhouse architect to draft preliminary plans, studies, and estimates for a new elementary school building consistent with the recommendations of the School Building Needs Committee as outlined in its fourth special report now on file in the office of the town clerk, and transfer from available funds a sum of money for the same, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Allan MacCurrah and duly seconded: "That a School Building Committee of eight, of which three shall be members of the Hamilton School Committee, be appointed by the Moderator for the purpose of selecting a site and securing the services of a competent schoolhouse architect to draft preliminary plans, studies and estimates for a new elementary school building consistent with the recommendations of the School Building Needs Committee as outlined in its fourth special report now on file in the office of the town clerk, and that \$5000 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account for such purpose."

The Moderator announced that the Town By-laws call for a two-thirds vote on articles requiring a transfer of funds and appointed Mr. Robert H. Chittick and Mr. Bernard Cullen as tellers to count the votes.

A standing vote was taken and the Moderator announced the vote to be:

Yes: 209 No: 0

The Moderator then declared the motion unanimously carried.

Article 3. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$116,000.00 to provide an additional source of water supply and an additional reservoir, of which sum there shall be allocated:

- (a) \$50,000.00 for development of additional well fields, including wells, pipes and original pumping station equipment, and for laying and relaying water mains of not less than six or more than fifteen inches, and any costs connected with and incidental to the foregoing;
- (b) \$66,000.00 for the construction of an additional reservoir and a pumping station, and any costs connected with and incidental to the foregoing;

and to determine how the money shall be raised, by borrowing or by transfer of available funds or otherwise, the work to be done under the direction and supervision of the Board of Water Commissioners, and to take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. George A. Harrigan and duly seconded: "That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$116,000 to provide additional sources of water supply and to construct an additional reservoir, of which sum there shall be allocated

\$50,000 for development of additional well fields, including wells, pipes and original pumping equipment for laying and relaying water mains of not less than six or more than fifteen inches, and for any cost connected with and incidental to the foregoing, including without limitation engineering fees and acquisition of necessary land and easements;

\$66,000 for the construction of an additional reservoir and a pumping station, and for any cost connected with and incidental to the foregoing, including without limitation engineering fees, acquisition of necessary land and easements;

and to meet such appropriation, the sum of \$4000 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account, and the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen be and he hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of \$112,000, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, said bonds or notes to be payable in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws of Massachusetts; that the Board of Water Commissioners be and it hereby is authorized to proceed with the work and to enter into all necessary or proper contracts or agreements in respect thereto; and that the Town Treasurer and the Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized to do all acts and things necessary or convenient for attaining said loan and the carrying out of such work with full power in the premises."

This article requiring a two-thirds vote, a standing vote was taken and the Moderator announced the vote to be:

Yes: 207 No: 0

The Moderator then declared the motion unanimously carried.

Article 4. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase or otherwise, land and interests in land to protect the water supply and for such other water system purposes as may be authorized at the meeting, located as follows:

- (a) on or near the westerly side of Asbury Street, being a portion of the property of the Patton estate;
- (b) on or near the westerly side of Bridge Street adjacent to the present reservoir, being a portion of the premises of the Carmelite Junior Seminary;

the same to be done on behalf of the Town by the Board of Water Commissioners, and to take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Richard H. Smith and duly seconded: "That the Town authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to acquire by purchase or otherwise land and interests in land to protect the water supply of the Town and for such other water system purposes as shall be authorized at this meeting, located as follows:

on or near the westerly side of Asbury Street, being a portion of the Patton estate;

on or near the westerly side of Bridge Street adjacent to the present reservoir, being a portion of the premises of the Carmelite Junior Seminary;

and said Board of Water Commissioners hereby is authorized to do all acts and things in the name and behalf of the Town necessary or convenient in connection with such acquisition."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 5. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 from the Cemetery Sale of Lots Fund to the Cemetery Account for the purpose of making improvements to the town cemetery, the work to be done under the direction and supervision of the Cemetery Commissioners, or take any action thereon relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. John T. Walke and duly seconded: "That the Town transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 from the Cemetery Sale of Lots Fund to the Cemetery Account for the purpose of making improvements to the town cemetery, the work to be done under the direction and supervision of the Cemetery Commissioners."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 6. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$6,000.00 from available funds to the Snow Removal and Sanding Account, or take any action thereon relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Lawrence R. Stone and duly seconded: "That the Town transfer the sum of \$6,000.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Account to the Snow Removal and Sanding Account."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 7. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to amend the Building By-law adopted at the annual town meeting March 5, 1956, in the following respects:

- (a) The last sentence of Section 3 of Article 7 shall be as follows: No stove or kitchen range shall be placed closer than 12 inches to any woodwork or wood lathe and plaster partition: nor closer than 24 inches, unless guarded by sheet metal held off 1 inch from said partition and allowing a ventilated air space, unless the appliance is approved for contrary installation by the Building Inspector who may be guided by the standards of the Underwriters Laboratories.
- (b) The first sentence of Section 1 of Article 9 shall be: All chimneys shall be of masonry, or of other materials approved by the Building Inspector who may be guided by the standards of the Underwriters Laboratories.
- (c) The first sentence of Section 2 of Article 11 shall be: Minimum live loads used in the design of buildings and other structures shall be not less than those of the American Standard Building Code Requirements A58.1-1945 of the National Bureau of Standards, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk.
- (d) Section 3 of Article 11 shall be: Spans for wood floor joists, ceiling joists and rafters shall not exceed those given in Appendix A of, and maximum spans for wood girders shall not exceed those given in Section 408-C-2 of the "Minimum Property Requirements for properties of one or two living units located in the New England States" published by the Federal Housing Administration Form 2226 revised November 1953, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk. The framing of wood framed houses shall be not less than the minimum requirements given in the United States Forest Service Agriculture Handbook No. 73 dated February 1955, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk.
- (e) Section 4 of Article 11 shall be: Masonry structures shall conform to the "American Standard Building Code Requirements for Masonry A41.1-53" of the American Standards Association, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk.
- (f) Section 5 of Article 11 shall be: All reinforced concrete shall conform to the Building Code Requirements for Reinforced Concrete (ACI 318-51). Adopted by the American Concrete Institute, February 1951, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk.

- (g) Section 6 of Article 11 shall be: All structural steel shall conform to the "American Institute of Steel Construction Specifications for the Design, Fabrication and Erection of Structural Steel for Buildings" as revised June 1949, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk.
- (h) Adding to Article 14 a new section to be designated "Section 3" as follows: "Upon notice of an unsafe building, the building inspector shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 143, Sections 6 to 12 inclusive."

Moved by Mr. Jerome F. Flynn and duly seconded: "That the Town amend the Building By-law adopted at the annual town meeting March 5, 1956, in the following respects:

- (a) The last sentence of Section 3 of Article 7 shall be as follows: No stove or kitchen range shall be placed closer than 12 inches to any woodwork or wood lathe and plaster partition: nor closer than 24 inches, unless guarded by sheet metal held off 1 inch from said partition and allowing a ventilated air space, unless the appliance is approved for contrary installation by the Building Inspector who may be guided by the standards of the Underwriters Laboratories.
- (b) The first sentence of Section 1 of Article 9 shall be: All chimneys shall be of masonry, or of other materials approved by the Building Inspector who may be guided by the standards of the Underwriters Laboratories.
- (c) The first sentence of Section 2 of Article 11 shall be: Minimum live loads used in the design of buildings and other structures shall be not less than those of the American Standard Building Code Requirements A58.1-1945 of the National Bureau of Standards, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk.
- (d) Section 3 of Article 11 shall be: Spans for wood floor joists, ceiling joists and rafters shall not exceed those given in Appendix A of, and maximum spans for wood girders shall not exceed those given in Section 408-C-2 of the "Minimum Property Requirements for properties of one or two living units located in the New England States" published by the Federal Housing Administration Form 2226 revised November 1953, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk. The framing of wood framed houses shall be not less than the minimum requirements given in the United States Forest Service Agriculture Handbook No. 73 dated February 1955, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk.
- (e) Section 4 of Article 11 shall be: Masonry structures shall conform to the "American Standard Building Code Requirements for Masonry A41.1-53" of the American Standards Association, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk.
- (f) Section 5 of Article 11 shall be: All reinforced concrete shall conform to the Building Code Requirements for Reinforced

Concrete (AC1 318-51). Adopted by the American Concrete Institute, February 1951, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk.

- (g) Section 6 of Article 11 shall be: All structural steel shall conform to the "American Institute of Steel Construction Specifications for the Design, Fabrication and Erection of Structural Steel for Buildings" as revised June 1949, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk.
- (h) Adding to Article 14 a new section to be designated "Section 3" as follows: "Upon notice of an unsafe building, the building inspector shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 143, Sections 6 to 12 inclusive."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 8. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of protecting the windows of the Jonathan Lamson School Building by covering said windows with plywood or other suitable material, the work to be done under the direction and supervision of the Board of Selectmen, or take any action thereon or relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Everett F. Haley and duly seconded: "That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to cover the windows of the Jonathan Lamson School Building with plywood or other suitable material, and that the sum of \$500.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account for such purpose."

Voice Vote. Motion unanimously carried.

Article 9. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of spraying for mosquito control in the town, said work to be done under the direction and supervision of the Board of Selectmen, or take any action thereon relative thereto."

Moved by Mr. Lawrence Lamson and duly seconded: "That the sum of \$1200.00 be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account for mosquito control in the Town, such work to be done under the direction and supervision of the Board of Selectmen."

Mr. Lamson remarked that the Selectmen had talked with officials of other towns, state officials and had contacted a spraying concern. They came to the conclusion that the best method would be the spraying of a DDT solution by town equipment.

Many suggestions were made from the floor as to other effective methods of mosquito control, and Mr. Everett F. Haley stated that the Selectmen would be willing to listen to any reasonable suggestions and for anyone to feel free to discuss it with the Selectmen.

Voice Vote. Carried by more than a two-thirds vote.

Article 10. Moderator: "To see if the Town will vote to change the number which shall constitute the School Committee from three

to five, such change to be effective as of the date of the Election of Town Officers in 1957, at which election three vacancies in said Committee shall be filled, two for a term of three years and one for a term of two years, or to take any action thereon relative thereto as petitioned for by Philip R. Askman and others.”

Moved by Mr. Philip R. Askman and duly seconded: “That the Town change the number which shall constitute the School Committee from three to five, such change to be effective as of the date of the Election of Town Officers in 1957, at which election three vacancies in said Committee shall be filled, two for a term of three years and one for a term of two years.”

Voice Vote. Motion carried.

Article 11. Moderator: “To see if the Town will vote to amend the Protective By-law of the Town to increase the area and frontage of lots in Residential District B, by striking out Section VI 1(b) of said By-law the words ‘area 20,000 square feet with frontage of 100 feet,’ and by inserting in place thereof the following words ‘area 40,000 square feet with frontage of 175 feet,’ and to take any action thereon or relative thereto.”

Moved by Mr. John F. Neary and duly seconded: “That the Town amend the Protective By-law of the Town to increase the area and frontage of lots in Residential District B, by striking out in Section VI 1(b) of said By-law the words ‘area 20,000 square feet with frontage of 100 feet,’ and by inserting in place thereof the following words ‘area 40,000 square feet with frontage of 175 feet.’”

This article requiring a two-thirds vote, a standing vote was taken and the Moderator announced the vote to be:

Yes: 210 No: 8

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

Article 12. Moderator: “To see if the Town will vote to amend the Protective By-law of the Town to increase the area and frontage of lots in Residential District A, by striking out Section VI 1(a) of said By-law the words ‘area 10,000 square feet with frontage of 90 feet,’ and by inserting in place thereof the following words ‘area 20,000 square feet with frontage of 125 feet,’ and to take any action thereon or relative thereto.”

Moved by Mr. John F. Neary and duly seconded: “That the Town amend the Protective By-law of the Town to increase the area and frontage of lots in Residential District A by striking out in Section VI 1(a) of said By-law the words “area 10,000 square feet with frontage of 90 feet,” and by inserting in place thereof the following words ‘area 20,000 square feet with frontage of 125 feet.’”

Mr. Frank W. Wetherbee: “I would like to amend that motion to continue to read as follows:

Except in such cases where the future establishment of a new lot is adjacent to a lot, existing prior to this date, which does not comply

with the regulations of this motion, then such future lot shall be required to meet only the present regulations of a minimum of 90 feet frontage and 10,000 square feet area."

The Moderator called for a vote on the motion made by Mr. Wetherbee, which was defeated.

Requiring a two-thirds vote, a standing vote was taken on the original motion and the Moderator announced the vote to be:

Yes: 208 No: 3

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

Upon motion by Mr. Lawrence Lamson, duly seconded, it was voted to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

Attest:

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE,

Town Clerk

REPORT OF STATE PRIMARY

Held September 18, 1956

TELLERS AND ELECTION OFFICERS

Republican

Lawrence R. Stone
 Everett F. Haley
 Hazel M. C. Bray
 Frank H. Tuck
 Frank L. Tree

Democratic

Lawrence Lamson
 Thomas A. Sargent, Jr.
 Jessie W. B. Cunningham
 Mary T. Greeley

Town Clerk

Francis H. Whipple

Police

Robert W. Poole

The Warrant was read and polls declared open at one o'clock P.M. by Lawrence Lamson, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

A total of 656 votes were cast, Republican 589; Democratic 67. Men 336; Women 320; as follows:

REPUBLICAN VOTE

GOVERNOR		CONGRESSMAN (Sixth District)
Sumner G. Whittier	544	William H. Bates
Blanks	45	Blanks
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR		OUNCILLOR (Fifth District)
Charles Gibbons	536	Augustus G. Means
Blanks	53	Blanks
SECRETARY		SENATOR (Third Essex District)
Richard I. Furbush	531	Philip A. Graham
Blanks	58	Blanks
TREASURER		2 REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT (Fifteenth Essex District)
Robert H. Beaudreau	527	Cornelius J. Murray
Blanks	62	Peter F. Fortunato
AUDITOR		Adam Ricci
Joseph A. Nobile	524	Henry G. Thompson
Blanks	65	Thomas J. Wickers, Jr.
ATTORNEY GENERAL		Clarence S. Wilkinson
George Fingold	534	Blanks
Blanks	55	122

2 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (Essex County)		CLERK OF COURTS (Essex County) (Vacancy)	
C. F. Nelson Pratt	327	J. Frank Hughes	290
Wallace H. Bell	93	Raymond W. Schlapp	153
Mary T. Heath	144	John A. Smith	93
Thomas D. O'Brine	101	Blanks	53
Alfred W. J. Taylor	36		
Frank L. Wiggin	246	REGISTER OF DEEDS (Vacancy)	
Blanks	231	(Essex Southern District)	
SHERIFF (Essex County)		David D. Black	72
Earl E. Wells	500	Carl C. Emery	414
Earle H. Warren	38	Gilbert Wheeler	41
Blanks	51	Blanks	62
DEMOCRATIC VOTE			
GOVERNOR		COUNCILLOR (Fifth District)	
Foster Furcolo	52	Robert A. Barrett, Jr.	7
Thomas H. Buckley	15	William G. Hennessey	19
Blanks	0	Marie Walsh Loughlin	1
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR		Mario J. Lucchesi	2
Robert F. Murphy	40	Thomas G. Mixon	1
James A. Burke	12	Francis J. Thompson	28
George A. Wells	13	Blanks	9
Blanks	2		
SECRETARY		SENATOR	
Edward J. Cronin	57	(Third Essex District)	
Robert Emmet Dinsmore	5	James P. Boyle	50
Blanks	5	Blanks	17
TREASURER		2 REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT	
Clement A. Riley	27	(Fifteenth Essex District)	
John F. Kennedy	30	George H. Chansky	50
John F. Buckley	4	Lawrence Lamson	1
Henry Joseph Hurley	2	Blanks	83
John M. Kennedy	3		
Blanks	1		
AUDITOR		2 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (Essex County)	
Thomas J. Buckley	57	John R. Ahern	16
Blanks	10	James D. Burns	23
ATTORNEY GENERAL		Edward D. Cahill	10
Joseph D. Ward	35	John J. Cahill	5
Edward J. MacCormack, Jr.	28	George A. Callahan, Jr.	10
Blanks	4	Arthur J. Clancy	8
CONGRESSMAN (Sixth District)		Charles J. McCarthy	14
Blanks	67	Thomas W. McGee	6
		Blanks	42

SHERIFF (Essex County)	REGISTER OF DEEDS (Vacancy)	
Everett B. Dowe	(Essex Southern District)	
Leo D. Lauzon		
Blanks		
CLERK OF COURTS (Vacancy) (Essex County)		
Philip A. Hennessey	31	
Augustine D. Riley	22	
Blanks	14	
	50	
	10	
	7	
	Francis T. Burke	25
	Richard E. Foley	25
	Mary Kennedy	10
	Blanks	7

Attest:

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE,
Town Clerk

REPORT OF STATE ELECTION

Held November 6, 1956

TELLERS AND ELECTION OFFICERS

Lawrence R. Stone	Jetta W. Roberts
Everett F. Haley	Lawrence Lamson
Bernard A. Cullen	Henry C. Jackson
Irene C. Sargeant	Rita V. Finney
Jessie W. B. Cunningham	Edward J. Ready
Mary F. Currier	Frank Tree
Freda E. Colwell	James F. D'Arcy
Mary A. Wallace	Mary T. Greeley
Elmo O. Adams	Hazel E. Cram
Gelean M. Campbell	Ellena E. Foote

Jean T. Austin

Town Clerk
Francis H. Whipple

Police

Orman J. Richards	Ray M. Sanford, Jr.
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The warrant was read and polls opened at eight o'clock A.M. by Lawrence Lamson, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

There were 2380 ballots cast: 1154 men, 1226 women; 2275 in person, 105 absentee, as follows:

PRESIDENT AND	LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
VICE-PRESIDENT	1771
Eisenhower and Nixon -----	1933
Hass and Cozzini -----	1
Holtwick and Cooper -----	1
Stevenson and Kefauver -----	422
Blanks -----	23
GOVERNOR	SECRETARY
Foster Furcolo -----	577
Sumner G. Whittier -----	1767
Henning A. Blomen -----	6
Mark R. Shaw -----	2
Blanks -----	28
	Edward J. Cronin ----- 635
	Richard I. Furbush ----- 1677
	Earl F. Dodge ----- 12
	Lawrence Gilfedder ----- 2
	Blanks ----- 54

TREASURER		REPRESENTATIVES
John F. Kennedy	623	GENERAL COURT
Robert H. Beaudreau	1684	Cornelius J. Murray
Isaac Goddard	4	1808
Willy N. Hogseth	5	George H. Chansky
Blanks	64	1395
AUDITOR		Clarence S. Wilkinson
Thomas J. Buckley	709	Blanks
Joseph A. Nobile	1587	943
John B. Lauder	7	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Anthony Martin	5	C. F. Nelson Pratt
Blanks	72	1651
ATTORNEY GENERAL		John R. Ahern
George Fingold	1732	445
Edward J. McCormack, Jr.	578	Edward H. Cahill
Fred M. Ingersoll	10	412
Howard B. Rand	2	Frank L. Wiggin
Blanks	58	1479
CONGRESSMAN		Blanks
William H. Bates	2098	773
Joseph Harrington	1	SHERIFF
Blanks	281	Earl E. Wells
OUNCILLOR		1916
William G. Hennessey	479	Everett B. Dowe
Augustus G. Means	1824	375
Blanks	77	Blanks
SENATOR		89
Philip A. Graham	1919	CLERK OF COURTS (Vacancy)
James P. Boyle	403	Philip A. Hennessey
Blanks	58	1712
		Blanks
		107
REGISTER OF DEEDS (Vacancy)		
		Carl C. Emery
		1789
		Mary Kennedy
		483
		Blanks
		108
Question No. 1.		
A. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages (whisky, rum, gin, malt beverages, wines and all other alcoholic beverages)?		
Yes	1427	
No	646	
Blanks	307	
B. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages (wines and beer, ale and all other malt beverages)?		
Yes	1409	
No	586	
Blanks	385	

C. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages in packages, so called, not to be drunk on the premises?

Yes	1667
No	426
Blanks	287

The polls were closed by Lawrence Lamson, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, at 8 P.M. The results of the balloting were announced at 11:35 P.M.

Attest:

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE,

Town Clerk

RECORDINGS AND LICENSES ISSUED

BIRTHS RECORDED

Male	63
Female	49
Total	112

MARRIAGES RECORDED

Residents	37
Non-Residents	7
Total	44

DEATHS RECORDED

Residents	38
Non-Residents	0
Total	38

SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED

Fishing	61
Hunting	88
Sporting	52
Minors Fishing	15
Female Fishing	9
Sporting-Trapping	13
Non-Resident Fishing	3
Duplicate	4
Total	245

DOG LICENSES ISSUED

Male	243
Female	48
Spayed Female	121
\$10. Kennel	8
25. Kennel	3
50. Kennel	2
Total	425

1956 BIRTHS RECORDED

Robert Eugene, son of George W. and Agnes M. (Cassidy) Aylwin.
 Lorraine Mary, daughter of Henry J., Jr. and Lorraine M. (Willard) Bailey.

Robert Ralph, son of Robert A. and Dorothy A. (Grant) Barker.
 Son of Kenneth M. and Helen C. (Andrews) Barry.
 Stephen Mark, son of Dana H. and Sarah J. (Cornish) Benfield.
 Neal Alan, son of Charles H. and Jeannette (Mizzi) Berndt.
 Elizabeth Jane, daughter of John A. and Louise M. (Holland) Bick.
 Theodore Nickolas, son of George and Deborah S. (Perkins) Bouranis.
 John Dennis, son of Bernard Charles and Lucy Abbie (Babcock) Bragdon.

Janet Ann, daughter of Wallace E. and Janet A. (Franco) Brede.
 Terrance James, son of Lloyd J. and Hilda L. (Kingsbury) Burnett.
 Richard Emerson, Jr., son of Richard E. and Eleanor M. (Hinckley) Buttner.

Lynne Marie, daughter of Edward J. and Carole (Morrissey) Chandler.
 Gregory Halstead, son of Carl F. and Judith A. (Goodwin) Clay.
 Richard Scott, son of Norman E. and Arlene F. (Reid) Clayton.
 Karen Jean, daughter of F. Harlan, Jr. and Edith P. (Blaquiere) Clock.
 Gorden Scott, son of Coy D. and Barbara M. (Dugan) Coffman.
 Douglas Edward, son of John K. and Patricia R. (Howie) Cookson.
 Dwight William, son of William R. and Doris R. (Colley) Corning.
 Randall Alan, son of Gordon G. and Louise (Sollows) Crosby.
 Nancy Lovering, daughter of A. Wendell, Jr. and Blanche M. (Dodge) Day.

Daniel Louis, son of Louis G. and Mary A. (Everard) DeAngelis.
 Michael Louis, Jr., son of Michael L. and Nellie L. (Wilson) DeAngelis.
 Miranda Healy, daughter of Hammond P. and Barbara I. (Healy) Diggle.

Daniel Scott, son of Donald S. and Gloria R. (Bellevue) Duclow.
 Kevin Whiting, son of Roger S. and Marjorie M. (Whiting) Dunn.
 Wendy Myrna, daughter of William B. and Myrna E. (Post) Dupee.
 Dan Joseph, son of Joseph E. and Dorothy E. (Ham) Durrell.
 Jan Marie, daughter of John A. and Ann E. (Hazell) Durrell.
 Susan Louise, daughter of Geoffrey A. and Carol L. (Meaney) Eckles.
 Robert Anthony, son of Donald E. and Gloria J. (Sciamanna) Elario.
 Robert Weston, son of Edgar B. and Shirley (Weston) Elderkin.
 Patricia Ann, daughter of John G. and Alice G. (Davis) Evans.
 Geoffrey Michael, son of James R. and Theresa (Maione) Fanning.
 Michael Joseph, son of Francis X. and Helen M. (Gannon) Farmer.
 Susan Lee, daughter of Brainard D. and Jeannette E. (Crowell) Feltis.
 Nancy Elaine, daughters of Seraphino and Bette (Nicholson) Ferriero.
 Nancy Ann, daughter of Wyatt R. and Edna M. (Phillips) Fox.
 Susan Beth, daughter of Wyatt R. and Edna M. (Phillips) Fox.

Diane Ruth, daughter of Leonard J. W. and Ruth L. (Tuttle) Franson.
 Robert Alan, son of Robert S. and Katherine A. (Sanders) Gates.
 Pamela Ann, daughter of Stephen and Joan M. (McGeoghan) Giera.
 Linda Louise, daughter of Philip A. and Thelma R. (Hyatt) Graham.
 Wayne Myron, son of Wayne A. and Anna M. (Eskelson) Grove.
 Thomas Charles, son of Gordon A. and Virginia (Gould) Hemenway.
 Virginia Elizabeth, daughter of Edward C. and Catherine F. (Leary) Hill.

Rosemary, daughter of Edward J. and Dorothy E. (Jacques) Henry.
 Thomas Edgelow, son of Halsey DeW. and Carol S. (Edgelow) Howe.
 Norman Richard, son of Lawrence and Agnes Frances (Doyle) Hurley.
 Paul Brian, son of Ralph J. and Grace (Marks) Hursty.
 Eric Andrew, son of George A. and Elizabeth L. (Feltis) Johnson.
 Ronald Lewis, son of David M. and Frances A. (Gaffney) Kain.
 Lloyd Donald, son of Earl R. and Paulina J. (Carlson) Langille.
 Colette Marie, daughter of Gerard and Lois M. (Draper) Laverdiere.
 Bradley Jerome, son of Romuald J. and Edith O. (Tydon) Mack.
 David Linwood, son of Horace L. and Nancy L. (Fitch) MacKenney.
 Frederick Michael, son of Reginald A. and Virginia (Marks) Maidment.
 Cynthia Louise, daughter of Raymond D. and Theresa C. (Cronin) Mailhoit.

Cathy Ann, daughter of Raymond R. and Stella M. (Chmura) Martel.
 Barbara Ann, daughter of John J., Jr. and Ruth M. (Collins) Meaney.
 David, son of Quiney A. S. and Katherine (Winthrop) McKean.
 John William, son of Donald B. and Phyllis F. (Sinton) Millson.
 Alan Edward, son of Charles A. and Irene M. (Brosky) Mons.
 Stephanie Lyn, daughter of Winson H. and Jean D. (Follansbee) Morrill.

Douglas Marshall, son of Richard E. and Alice R. (Epstein) Morse.
 Cornelius Joseph, III, son of Cornelius J., Jr. and Patricia A. (McCarthy) Murray.

David Oliver, son of Rodman A. and Mildred L. (Fimple) Nichols.
 Sandra Louise, daughter of Richard C. and Margaret (Pearson) Norwood.

Cheryl Anne, daughter of Leonard F. and Doris E. (Christopher) Pariseau.

Cynthia Anne, daughter of Ronald J. and Anne C. (LeBlanc) Pasek.
 Robin Ann, daughter of Robert H. and Nancy W. (Larrabee) Pearse.
 Kathleen Ruby, daughter of Raymond L. and Angela L. (Page) Perkins.
 Warren Winslow, son of Paul F., Jr. and Mary W. (McCagg) Perkins.
 Martha Lynn, daughter of Raymond L. and Shirley L. (Gustafson) Peterson.

Richard Jerald, son of Jack S. and Beatrice (Werner) Pond.
 Barbara Ann, daughter of Robert W. and Hildegarde A. (Rumschneider) Poole.

John Paul, son of Paul J. and Elza (Gobzemis) Pooler.
 Carol Jo, daughter of John H. and Elmira J. (Stevens) Porter.
 Abby Jane, daughter of George G. and Joanne (Livermore) Potter.
 Sharon Elizabeth, daughter of Charles L. and Dorothy L. (Allen) Proctor.

Helen Gertrude, daughter of William H. and Mary F. (Kiely) Regan.
Paul Lloyd, son of George H. and Mary G. (Walton) Ricker.
Timothy Raymond, son of George F. and Edith E. (Sharples) Ropes.
Caroline Sarah, daughter of Derek G. and Penelope (Hawkings) Ryan.
Donna Lee, daughter of James M. and Bella D. (Stone) Schofield.
Timothy, son of Horace, Jr. and Marjorie (Hopkins) Sears.
Walter Arthur, Jr., son of Walter A. and Harriet L. (Ramsdell) Sears.
Bryan Rondeau, son of Donald B. and Joanne (Rondeau) Seaver.
Roberta Mae, daughter of Herbert J. and Alberta M. (Bryant) Shepard.
John William, Jr., son of John W. and Agnes E. (Hazard) Silva.
Maurice Fremont, III, son of Maurice F., Jr. and Harriet (Bateman) Smith.
Philip Webster, son of Philip W. and Sheila M. (Scott) Smith.
Donna Jean, daughter of Henry J. and Rita I. (Daly) Stelline.
Ruth, daughter of Frederick E. and Shirley E. (Sounia) Stephens.
John Glover, son of Thomas G. and Mary (Stoneman) Stevenson.
Brian John, son of Eugene L. and Mary A. (Harrigan) Street.
Deborah Joyce, daughter of Harold S. and Caroline A. (Johnson) Swithers.
Gary Lewis, son of Albert L. and Shirley J. (Dupius) Taylor.
Wendy Jeanne, daughter of George L., Jr. and E. Frances (Brooks) Taylor.
Kathleen Marie, daughter of William L. and Mary C. (Doyle) Thoen.
Benjamin Elliott, son of Robert E. and Priscilla J. (Amnott) Tindley.
Glenn Ricker, son of Albert E. and Esther L. M. (Ricker) Towne.
Yvonne Mary, daughter of Odila J. and Adele (Therrien) Trembley.
Thomas William, son of Ralph J. and Doris C. (Leighton) Vitale.
Scott David, son of Edwin H. and Barbara D. (Olsen) Wallick.
Linda Marie, daughter of William E. and Agnes (Sargeant) Walls.
Kenneth Samuel, son of Robert E. and Angela C. (Demeo) Ward.
Debra Ruth, daughter of Marshall I. and Barbara H. (Jones) Washburn.
Deborah Lee, daughter of Alan P. and Constance M. (Googins) Waterman.
Deborah Louise, daughter of Robert E. and Carolyn E. (Cooper) Welch.
John Leighton, son of John H. and Rosamond L. (Leighton) Wetson.
Theodore Benjamin, son of Theodore B. and Dorothy M. (Ruth) Yasi.

1956 MARRIAGES RECORDED

Raymond E. Allen of Portsmouth, New Hampshire
Irene H. (Pierce) Swindell of Topsfield, Massachusetts

Robert Arthur Allen of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Joyce M. Wood of Hamilton, Massachusetts

David M. Ashley of Berkley, Massachusetts
Sandra B. Wiggin of Hamilton, Massachusetts

John Francis Begley of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Lucille LeClerc of Salem, Massachusetts

Howard L. Berlyn of Salem, Massachusetts
Stacia (Lotarski) Blenkhorn of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Guy A. Bounanduci of Swampscott, Massachusetts
Barbara A. Marks of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Paul R. Bubier of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Dorothy (VanDine) Bragdon of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Peter L. Christopher of Ipswich, Massachusetts
Alice M. Dolliver of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Millard M. Cooper of Downs, Kansas
Lila M. (Poirier) Wilson of Ipswich, Massachusetts

Ronald W. Delp of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Gail L. McIntire of Danvers, Massachusetts

Robert C. Henley of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Janet J. Pariseau of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Carl J. Hughes of Essex, Massachusetts
Mary J. Eason of Gloucester, Massachusetts

Robert Edward Jutras of Beverly, Massachusetts
Norbertha Marie Crowley of Beverly, Massachusetts

Patrick J. Keough of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Barbara A. Condrick of East Weymouth, Massachusetts

Donald Albert Klein of Stratford, Connecticut
Sandra Edith Phippen of Wenham, Massachusetts

Morris Koll of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Muriel (Ogan) Fatalo of Lynn, Massachusetts

Donald Spencer Lightbody of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Marjorie Louise Henley of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Edmund John Liscomb, Jr. of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Josephine Scicli of Stamford, Connecticut

Arthur Gibson MacMillan of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Caroline Louise Keech of Hamilton, Massachusetts

James R. MacDuffee of Medford, Massachusetts
Ann M. McLean of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Robert J. McParland of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Muriel J. Allen of Salem, Massachusetts

Carl F. Melin, Jr. of Salem, Massachusetts
Mary F. Mullins of Hamilton, Massachusetts

James D. Miller of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Alice S. Dunn of Hamilton, Massachusetts

James J. Millerick of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Catherine A. Surette of Wakefield, Massachusetts

Ralph W. Mitchell of Nahant, Massachusetts
Irene E. Scott of Nahant, Massachusetts

Edwin Morrow of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Mary Isabella Rice of Beverly, Massachusetts

Reginald Munroe of Essex, Massachusetts
Carolyn Ellen Soper of Hamilton, Massachusetts

William Francis Murphy of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Mary Catherine Barrett of Wenham, Massachusetts

Donald Woodbridge Nelson of Pomfret, Connecticut
Carol Marston Wade of Hamilton, Massachusetts

John A. Nielsen of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Gertrude Y. Tremblay of Salem, Massachusetts

Arthur Daniel O'Brien of Peabody, Massachusetts
Nancy Chittick of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Salvatore J. Pirrotta of Topsfield, Massachusetts
Beverly I. Forbes of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Kenneth W. Potter of Danvers, Massachusetts
Barbara C. Newlin of Hamilton, Massachusetts.

Arthur George Richard of Salem, Massachusetts
Shirley Ellen Poor of Wenham, Massachusetts

Clifton Guibord Shorey of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Ruth Margaret Crowell of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Eugene S. Soper of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Anne M. Tarantino of Gloucester, Massachusetts

Alexander J. Spiridigliozi of Ipswich, Massachusetts
Dora Marks of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Robert Allan Sungy of Barberton, Ohio
Clarice Anne Bertone of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Frank Leonard Tree, Jr. of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Evalyn R. Wallace of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Victor E. Valcour of Danvers, Massachusetts
Marilyn Grover of Hamilton, Massachusetts

John J. Wallace of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Mary Laberis of Peabody, Massachusetts

Paul K. Wallace of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Mary G. Valcour of Winchester, Massachusetts

Alvin Perley Whipple of Hamilton, Massachusetts
Elaine Marjorie Moad of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Russell Adams Young of Manchester, New Hampshire
Lucy Ann Lander of Hamilton, Massachusetts

1956 DEATHS RECORDED

<i>Name</i>	<i>Years</i>	<i>Months</i>	<i>Days</i>
Leona (Muscarello) Antonio	65	0	0
Charles Fanning Ayer	90	1	23
Ernest M. Barker, Jr.	59	6	7
Joseph E. Bellevue	86	2	21
Edward H. Bonelli	73	7	27
James G. Callahan	64	0	4
Edmund G. Dodd	91	6	1
Edward Lawrence Doyle	74	11	13
Jeremiah Doyle	73	0	0
Levi Dudley	70	0	0
Willard Ray Herrick	79	10	17
Virginia Elizabeth Hill		4	23
Elizabeth Holtum	74	8	4
George Thomas Hopping	85	10	15
Mary A. (Barry) Hoy	76	0	0
Henry J. LeBlanc	58	9	0
Hugo E. Loas	67	5	5
Leota B. McDonah	85	0	3
Charles Arthur McRae	75	1	27
Hazel Case Norwood	64	3	25
Leo Pariseau	52	0	0
Jennie (Smith) Perley	82	3	16
Abby Jane Potter			12
Evelyn Purdy	40	0	0
William S. Sampson	62	0	1
Madeline (Campbell) Sanford	38		24
Fred F. Stillings	77	7	25
Fred H. Sturk	59	6	3
Alice Davidson Tilton	95	9	23
Theodore George Topping	52	11	2
Frank H. Tuck	69	0	28
Frank W. Wheeler	81	8	7
Grace A. Wood	82	6	23
Joe Wood	83	3	8

JURY LIST FOR 1957

A. Leo Anderson, 107 School Street
Philip R. Askman, 68 Plum Street
George S. Cann, 49 Hamilton Avenue
Douglas A. Chandler, 9 Pilgrim Road
Harry F. Clarke, 19 Mill Street
William R. Corning, 394 Essex Street
William F. Cox, 6 Orchard Road
Guy A. Crosby, Lake Drive
David L. Crowell, 34 Maple Street
George W. Dixon, 3 Sharon Road
Arthur T. Ellison, 29 Cutler Road
Brainard D. Feltis, 82 Union Street
Joseph R. Gates, 68 Union Street
Gordon A. Hemenway, 33 Home Street
Philip Hopkins, 17 Rust Street
Daniel E. Hughes, 10 Lincoln Avenue
Virginia Lougee, 15 Lincoln Avenue
Robert P. Marchand, 70 Cunningham Drive
Touzel Mollet, 734 Highland Street
James McGrath, 31 Leigh Road
Thomas F. Moseley, 200 Gardner Street
Alfred H. Nickerson, 110 Linden Street
Julius G. Pisani, 87 Cutler Road
John H. Quinn, Jr., 35 Maple Street
Edward W. Seaver, 14 Garfield Avenue
Roy A. Shannehan, 5 Moynihan Road
Elmer H. Smith, 56 Rust Street
Nataline H. Smith, 601 Bay Road
Osmond R. Thissell, 363 Bridge Street
Winston H. Tirrell, Lake Drive
Frank Leonard Tree, 519 Bridge Street
John T. Walke, 974 Bay Road
Frank W. Wetherbee, 200 Asbury Street
John H. Wetson, 8 Naples Road
Edward L. Wheatly, Jr., Forest Street
Harry E. Williams, 175 Linden Street
Nellie E. Woodman, 409 Essex Street
Eveline M. Young, Linden Street

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Hamilton:

The Board of Water Commissioners herewith submit their twenty-first Annual Report of the Water Department.

Fluoridation of the water has been carried on for the past year in accordance with the vote of the Towns' people.

The Department laid 2,030 feet of 6" Century pipe under the Extension of Mains program. 2,030 feet on Forest Street and 600 feet on Knowlton Street to replace a 2" line. 1300 feet of 6" Century pipe was purchased by Mrs. Taft and was installed on Woodbury Street. Two Hydrants were set on Forest Street for fire protection.

With 98 new house services added to our system we now have a total of 1362 services.

With the approval of the well site at the Patton Estate by the State Board of Health, we are now ready to complete our new construction program. The pipe is on the site and the contract for the laying of same has been awarded. Our Engineer has completed the plan for the new well and reservoir. With good weather we hope to have this completed before the dry weather.

We wish to thank the residents of the Town of Hamilton and all the Town Departments for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON L. THOMPSON, Chairman

GEORGE A. HARRIGAN

RICHARD H. SMITH

Water Commissioners

REPORT OF THE WATER SUPERINTENDENT

To the Board of Water Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN:

I respectfully submit my yearly report as Superintendent of the Water Department for the year ending December 31, 1956. Under the extension of mains program the department has installed 1300 feet of 6" K-M pipe on Woodbury Street and one hydrant, 2030 feet of 6" pipe and two Ludlow Hydrants and gates were installed on Forest Street.

The existing 2" line on Knowlton Street was removed and replaced with six inch K-M pipe to increase the flow of water to Dodge Park for fire and domestic use.

Flouridation tests have been made daily and the results sent to the State Department of Public Health.

Water samples have been taken periodically and sent to the State laboratory for bacterial and chemical tests.

Meters have been read quarterly and repairs made where necessary.

The following figures will indicate the large increase in the consumption of water during the year.

	1955	1956
Total gallons pumped	73,398,800	91,445,800
Daily average	201,039	272,454

During the hot summer months the consumption of water exceeded our facilities therefore 7½ million gallons had to be taken from the Town of Essex to fulfill the requirements of the town.

Massachusetts Department of Public Health Water Analysis (Parts per Million) Collection October 3, 1956.

	No. 416477	No. 416478
	Bridge St. Station	School St. Station
Turbidity	2	0
Sediment	3	0
Color	13	0
Odor—cold	0	0
Chlorides	23.	15.
Hardness	60	162
Alkalinity—M. O. phth	64	42
pH	6.5	6.5
Iron	.25	.03

I wish to express my appreciation of the cooperation our department has received from other town departments and from all who are associated with us in our work.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND A. WHIPPLE,
Superintendent, Water Department

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN:

I have the honor to submit to you the Annual Report of the Department of the Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ending December 31, 1956.

	<i>Adjusted</i>	<i>Sealed</i>	<i>Not Sealed</i>	<i>Condemned</i>
Over 10,000 lbs.		2		
100 to 5,000 lbs.	1	10		
Under 100 lbs.		22	3	1
Weights:				
Avoirdupois		25		
Apothecary		51		
Volumetric Measures:				
Liquid under 1 Gallon		18		
Oil and Grease		5		
Vehicle Tanks		5		
Linear Measures:				
Yard Sticks		3		
Reweighting Commodities		64		
Peddlers:				
	<i>Checked</i>			
Fish	1			
Bakery	1			
Both with State Licenses				

Respectfully submitted,

ERVING O. MAXWELL,
Sealer

REPORT OF THE PARK COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

The Park Board herein submits their annual report for the year ending December 31, 1956.

The playground season opened June 25th and closed August 24th. Registration again went over 300, with a daily average of 100. These children were under the supervision of the following instructors: Mr. Robert McDonald, Mrs. Gerald Colwell, Miss Marjorie Ricker and Miss Janet Smerage.

Beach days were enjoyed each week, with the Canobie Lake Trip closing the season. The regular daily program included some individual and team activity for the intermediate and senior groups as well as a daily handwork period for the younger boys and girls. Special events were held each week as a means of stimulating better attendance. One of these events being an occasional picnic at the outdoor fireplace, which always proved to be a great success. We wish to thank the Mothers Club for their helpful assistance at the final picnic of the season.

The department continued the maintenance of Soldiers Green, the Manasseh Cutler Park, the Robert Walsh Park at Chebacco Lake, Patton Memorial Park and the grounds at the Elementary and High Schools. The Roosevelt Avenue Park was turned back to the town, as the department felt there was no longer any need for it with facilities now available at the Manasseh Cutler Elementary School.

For the many baseball teams in town the department maintains four baseball diamonds. These, along with the various parks, are under the care and supervision of Mr. Henry Stelline, the superintendent.

With the continued growth of interest in baseball, we hope in the near future to provide some sort of bleachers at Patton Park.

The skating season again drew large crowds to Patton Park. Sixty-one days of skating were enjoyed last season. This and events like the Burning of the Greens, Jan. 6th, help to keep the Park active during the winter months.

The annual Community Service Fair was expanded into a three-day event this year and held at Patton Park during the 4th of July holiday. This proved very successful, with the facilities of the Park put to good use.

Two street lights were added to the parking lot at Patton Park last fall and took care of the lighting problem in the area.

We wish to thank all departments for the cooperation we received during the year, especially the Highway Department for their very able assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT P. LOUGEY

PHILIP C. HOPKINS

RAY M. SANFORD

Park Commissioners

REPORT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN:

I herewith submit, as requested by you, my report for building permits issued for the year 1956.

I have issued a total of one hundred fifteen permits comprised of the following:

New Dwellings	60
Garages	18
Additions	30
Stables	3
Play House	1
Greenhouse	1
Poultry House	1
Relocation	1
	Total (115)

At this time I wish to thank all town officials and the applicants for their hearty cooperation.

Respectfully yours,

FRANK W. BUZZELL,

Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

I herewith submit my report of the Highway Department for the year ending December 31, 1956.

Necessary patching and maintenance work was carried on throughout the year. A section of Essex Street was sealed and covered with pea-stone, under Chapter 90 Maintenance. Progress was continued on draining, grading and oiling gravel roads.

Catch basins were cleaned and guard rails repaired and painted.

The sidewalk program was carried on continuing on Highland Street, and with an appropriation granted will be carried on next year.

Sanding is becoming more of a problem each year. I wish at this time to stress the need of the Town purchasing a complete unit, snow plow, sanding machine and truck as our present equipment needs replacing.

The system of cooperation of labor and the lending and borrowing of equipment between all departments has proven very successful and a saving to the taxpayer.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the citizens of Hamilton and all town officials and departments, also the highway employees that have assisted me in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. POOLE,

Highway Surveyor

REPORT OF THE CEMENTERY COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

The Cemetery Commissioners submit herewith their annual report for the year ending December 31, 1956.

Thirty interments were cared for by the Superintendent.

Sixteen Perpetual Care endowments were received.

Eight single endowed graves were sold.

Nine eight grave lots were sold.

The Cemetery Department regrets that because of other business interests Mr. Lawrence C. Foster, who served the town as one of its Cemetery Commissioners for many years, did not seek re-election.

Mr. Raymond A. Whipple, after many years as chairman of the Board, found it necessary to resign because of other duties.

We owe a great deal of thanks for the time, effort, study and planning that today has made our Cemetery the best there is.

The cooperation we have received from all the town departments is greatly appreciated.

We thank our Superintendent, Philip S. Plummer, who has performed his duties so conscientiously.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER M. CAVERLY

JOHN T. WALKE

PAUL S. TUCKER

LUTHER M. CAVERLY

Cemetery Commissioners

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN :

As Inspector of Wires, I herewith submit my report from date of my appointment, October 6 to December 31, 1956.

I have issued twenty-nine permits as follows:

New dwellings	10
New dwellings plus oil burners	2
Oil burners	8
Additions or repairs	8
Motors installed	1
 Total	 29

Above permits issued as follows:

Issued to licensed electricians	27
Issued to owners to do their own work	2
 Total	 29

Oil burner installations reported to Fire Chief—11.

Complaints of hazardous wiring conditions received and investigated. Total number—5.

Complaints of non-licensed persons doing electrical work in town received and under investigation. Total number—2.

Inspections made	57
Advisory calls made	6

I wish to express my appreciation for the cooperation of the Board of Selectmen, Town Clerk and Chief of Fire Dept., Mr. Frank Dever of Essex County Electric Co., The Electrical Contractors and all those that have assisted me in my duties.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS M. ROBINSON,

Inspector of Wires

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

During the year 1956 the Planning Board held regular meetings at the Town Hall at 8:00 P.M. on the first Monday of each month. The Board approved several plans for subdivisions and determined that certain other plans which were presented did not require approval.

The Board recommended an amendment of the town zoning law to increase the lot areas (1) in Residence Districts A from 10,000 square feet with a frontage of 90 feet to 20,000 square feet with a frontage of 125 feet and (2) in Residence Districts B from 20,000 square feet with a frontage of 100 feet to 40,000 square feet with a frontage of 175 feet. This amendment was adopted at the Special Town Meeting held on July 16, 1956 and became effective on September 15, 1956.

The Planning Board has received the cooperation of the Selectmen, the Board of Appeals and other town officials in matters relating to the development of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE C. CUTLER, JR., *Chairman*

PAUL F. PERKINS, JR., *Secretary*

HENRY J. GOURDEAU

M. KEITH LANDER

FRANCIS C. MOYNIHAN

Planning Board

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

During the year 1956 the Board of Appeals conducted twelve public hearings, five dealing with special permits authorized by the Protective By-Law and seven concerned with variances. The properties concerned are scattered widely among the various districts of the town. All but one case were decided before the end of the year and two new cases were pending for hearing. One other request for a variance was abandoned after application was filed. In addition, members of the Board conferred with or advised property owners in nearly a dozen other cases, some of which may yet come before the Board for hearing.

Special permits were granted for a riding stable, a private greenhouse, conversion of a dwelling house to apartments for two families, and for soil removal in one location, in each case subject to conditions imposed by the Board for protection of the neighborhood. A permit for soil removal in another location was withheld by the Board last spring, since it appeared unlikely that the requirements set forth in the By-Law could be satisfied pending the production of engineering studies and other evidence which has not been furnished.

The proportion of variances granted to those requested was lower than for the special permits and may be expected to be even lower in the future. A variance of a few feet in the street setback line was granted and one of only two feet in the sideline setback was denied, each on the special facts of the case. A variance for a large lot with very small frontage was denied, the owner having previously sold adjoining land with excess frontage. A citizen having the right to keep a trailer as a residence was permitted to move it a short distance upon sale of the original site. Two variances were granted for business uses judged to be no more objectionable than the original business uses which, like the case of the trailer, were established and legally existing before the By-Law was adopted.

Although the decision was filed in January, 1957, the final variance case deserves mention because of the public interest in it during most of the year. Where a business had legally been carried on in a residential garage and the latter was enlarged in order to change the location of the business and probably increase its volume, a variance to make the project legal was denied and an appeal from the order of the Selectmen which brought the matter up was denied.

There appear to be a number of persons in the town who desire to commence business in residential districts. Unless the location definitely has the right to a non-conforming use, existing before adoption of the By-Law and not since abandoned, or unless it can be proved (as is unlikely) that the character of neighborhood has changed, there seems to be little hope of success for such cases. To win a variance, a petitioner must prove hardship *resulting from peculiar conditions of the lot* (not merely personal hardship, however great) and that the spirit and intent

of the By-Law will not be adversely affected. It is hard to conceive conditions that will not similarly affect nearby lots and the intent and purpose of our relatively new By-Law is definitely opposed to any such variances. If it is believed that a particular service is needed in the town (as in the case of nursery schools in a neighboring community) then the remedy is to ask the Planning Board to recommend to Town Meeting that such an enterprise be added to the list of uses which this Board may allow upon a special permit.

As in previous years, the Board has had to request advice or information from the Town Counsel, the Assessors, and the Building Inspector and has depended on the office of the Town Clerk for notices of hearings and of decisions. The members wish to thank all concerned for their assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE G. BECKETT

ELMER H. SMITH

JOHN F. NEARY

Board of Appeals

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

To the Citizens of Hamilton:

GREETINGS:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 35, of the General Laws, I hereby submit my annual report of the Treasury Department for the year ending December 31, 1956.

Receipts	\$1,014,351.70
Payments	833,277.99
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Beverly Trust Co.	\$159,608.40
Day Trust Co.	10,952.33
Cash	10,512.98
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	\$181,073.71

I wish to take this opportunity to convey my sincere thanks to not only the town officials, but also the many persons who have assisted me during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

WALFRED B. SELLMAN,
Town Treasurer

1956

TOWN COLLECTOR'S REPORT
In Account with the Town of Hamilton

Respectfully submitted,

BERTHA L. CROWELL, *Town Collector*

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Engineers of the Fire Department herewith submit their report for the year ending December 31, 1956.

The Department responded to 68 alarms during the year.

The amount of hose laid: $\frac{3}{4}$ " — 6800 feet; $1\frac{1}{2}$ " — 2250 feet; $2\frac{1}{2}$ " — 2200 feet.

The amount of water used from booster tanks was 22,300 gallons.

ALARMS FOR 1956

		<i>Dist.</i>			
<i>Date</i>		<i>No.</i>	<i>Nature</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Owner</i>
Jan.	2	16	Chimney, Miles River Road,	T. E. Procter	
	11	31	Auto, Asbury Street		
	13	21	House, Cunningham Drive,	W. D. Amnott	
	23	16	Gas Leak, Woodbury Street,	Helen Frick	
	28	21	Gas Stove, Bay Road,	Hamilton Diner	
Feb.	4	31	Gas Heater, Arthur Avenue,	B. F. Bullerwell	
	13	34	Burned Tree, Highway Street,	Town of Hamilton	
Mar.	10	21	Motor, Moynihan Road,	Mrs. D. S. Pratt	
	10		False		
	12	31	Grass, Lincoln Avenue,	C. Burton	
	22	21	Inhalator		
	24	3-3-3	Barn, Ipswich		
	29	21	Auto		
Apr.	14	21	Grass, Willow Street,	Dr. Sullivan	
	18	16	Grass, Woodbury Street,	Helen Frick	
	19	41	Grass and Brush, Highland Street,	Howard Perkins	
	21	21	Grass, Mill Street,	Paul Poehler	
	21	24	Grass and Hay, Gardner Street,	F. P. Sears	
	22	24	Grass and Hay, Bay Road,	Glen Potter	
	22	24	Grass and Hay, Gardner Street,	F. P. Sears	
	24	21	Grass, Pleasant Street,	K. Surpitski	
	25	23	Grass, Off Bay Road,	H. S. Middendorf	
	28	31	Grass, Highland Street,	Mrs. Chas. Dean	
	28	31	Grass, Asbury Street,	Mrs. Gladys Johnson	
May	5	24	Grass and Brush, Bay Road,	F. R. Appleton	
	9	32	Grass and Brush, Highland Street,	Sumner Pingree	
	13	21	Motor, Railroad Avenue,	Henry Connolly	
	13	31	Grass, Topsfield Road,	Horace Dodge	
	15	14	Grass, Essex Street,	Ralph Berry	
	19	23	Rubbish, Bay Road,	Frank Potter	
	21	31	Oil Burner, Durham Avenue,	F. Baumant	
	22	13	Dump, Dodge Park,	Ernest Liperto	

June	14	41	Rescue a cat
	26	41	Rescue a cat
July	3	25	Grass, Meyer Road, William Dudley
	4	41	Rubbish, Lake Drive, A. J. Bruyere
	6	17	Cottage, Off Forest Street, C. D. Bain
	11	17	Inhalator
	12		Lighting Unit
	20	13	Grass, School Street, Chas. Blenkhorn
Aug.	3	24	Grass and Hay, Gardner Street, F. P. Sears
	5	31	Oil Burner, Maple Avenue, Earl Siles
	5	31	Brush, Off Morris Avenue, Asbury Grove Corp.
	15	23	Oil Truck, Off Bay Road
	17	21	Television, Hamilton Avenue, Ole Olson
	17	21	False
	18	17	Inhalator, Forest Street
	21	24	False
	27	16	Grass, Woodbury Street, Iron Rail Foundation
	27	32	Grass and Brush, Off Winthrop St., J. S. Lawrence
	28	32	Grass and Brush, Off Winthrop St., J. S. Lawrence
	28	31	Grass and Brush, Asbury Street, G. S. Patton, Jr.
	29	14	Dump, Sagamore Street, F. H. Clock
Oct.	4	16	False
	8	21	Installed Rope in Flag Pole, Linden St., Town of Hamilton
	9	41	Motor, Moynihan Road, K. A. Wiggin
	18	24	Accident, Moulton Street
	18	17	Studio Garage, Lakeview Avenue, R. H. Cronin
	22	25	Trees, Cutler Road, S. A. Spaulding
	29	31	Tree, Asbury Street, Asbury Grove Corp.
	30	21	Burning, Bay Road, D. L. Miller
	31	23	Leaves, Off Bay Road, Myopia Hunt Club
Nov.	17	21	Grass, Pleasant Street, Mrs. C. Mullins
	20	31	House, Baker Avenue, Mrs. Lois Piotrowski
	22	21	Grass, Off Bay Road, Myopia Hunt Club
	24	21	Auto, Off Bay Road, Mrs. Maimie Carter
Dec.	13	17	Oil Burner, Lakeview Avenue, E. O. Harrison
	26	21	Oil Burner, High School To, Town of Hamilton

We wish to express our appreciation to all departments and others who may have assisted the Fire Department the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. MERRILL CUMMINGS, *Chief*

RUDOLPH H. HARADEN

Fire Engineers

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report of the activities of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1956.

Total Arrests	53		
Male	52	Female	1

CLASSIFICATION OF CRIMES

Assault	1	Attaching Improper plates	1
Breaking and Entering	2	Driving to endanger	5
Drunkenness	16	Operating under Influence	7
Larceny	1	Operating without license	3
Lewd and Lascivious	1	Uninsured Motor Vehicle	1
Neglect to minor children	1	Unregistered Motor Vehicle	1
Receiving stolen goods	2	Using Motor Vehicle without	
Runaways	7	Authority	4

DISPOSITION OF CASES

Fined	20	Probation	12
Sentenced	7	Released (Drunk)	12
Not Guilty		2	

SUMMONS SERVED

For local department	18	For out of town police	71
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AUTOMOBILE REGULATIONS

Automobile Transfers	393
Licenses revoked by Registrar	31
Registrations revoked by Registrar	11

MISCELLANEOUS

Accidents investigated	38
Ambulance runs to hospitals and physicians	139
Assistance to out of town police	87
Dangerous wires reported	23
Dog complaints investigated	65
Street lights reported out	131
Street obstructions reported	26
Stolen cars recovered	8

I again express my appreciation to the Beverly Police Department for its continued cooperation in handling calls for our two-way cruiser radio. The local telephone operators have continued their splendid co-operation and service far beyond the scope of their duty which is greatly appreciated. I extend my appreciation to all townspeople and others who have assisted this Department during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD FREDERICK,
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

Hamilton's genuine need for a single library, with all facilities under one roof, was never so clearly indicated than during the past year. By the same token, the uneconomic inadequacy of our present two-library arrangement was emphasized to officials and townspeople alike.

In a not wholly unexpected action, the Library Trustees were notified in October that the Branch Library in Depot Square must be vacated because the space has been requisitioned by postal authorities for enlargement of the South Hamilton post office. Careful investigation of new location possibilities revealed their almost complete non-existence. Thanks to the determination of all concerned, Selectmen, Finance Committee and Trustees, that library service was not to be curtailed, a portion of the Lamson School was reopened. The southeast first floor room was selected and renovated. Special space-heating equipment for the single room was provided. Next came an arduous moving job (the second such task undertaken in the past few years; the previous one at the Main Library). With the support of the Selectmen this was accomplished through the splendid cooperation of Highway and Park Department personnel, who handled the job with care and dispatch. In the past few weeks loyal friends of the Library have been busy, on a voluntary basis, setting up the new library under the direction of Mrs. Fred H. Brown, Librarian, and her assistant, Mrs. Richard L. Wiggin. As this report comes to you, the Lamson School Branch Library should be in operation.

Although town officials met this difficult situation with prompt action, the unwieldly nature of the town's library organization persists. The division of books in two localities works a definite hardship upon the townspeople, and upon students in particular. A unified library could mean six-day-a-week service, something becoming increasingly necessary.

For, despite problems of organization and location, library attendance and book circulation continue to grow vigorously, and there is no reason to think this will not continue to be true as the town itself grows. Planning for Hamilton's future must include consideration of an adequate single-unit library.

The librarians are to be commended for steadily carrying on a program of re-cataloguing and general re-organization in addition to their routine duties. Mrs. Lloyd Lister has done excellent work in continuing the practice of supplying books to the schools. Friends of the Library deserve the gratitude of the town for their untiring voluntary assistance wherever needed, and the Trustees wish to thank sincerely for this vital help: Mrs. Daniel E. Hughes, Mrs. Richard M. Rulon, Mrs. Thomas J. Britton, Mrs. Frank W. Wetherbee, Mrs. Richard Taylor and Mrs. John

F. Neary. For lending a hand in our moving operation the Trustees thank additionally Mrs. Fred C. Barnes, Mrs. Warren P. Crosby and Mrs. Bernard W. Keefe.

Finally, your Library Trustees wish to reiterate how much they appreciate the ready helpfulness of the Board of Selectmen, the Highway Department and the Park Department, as well as the Finance Committee who gave the library problems their immediate and sympathetic attention. Our appreciation of the fine work of our librarians scarcely needs to be restated.

The fellow trustees of Melvin F. Reid greatly regretted the fact that personal considerations made it necessary for him to resign during the year. Mr. Reid was devoted to the best interests of the library and generous of his time and counsel. The selection of Mrs. Frank Pulsifer to succeed Mr. Reid was a particularly happy one. Mrs. Pulsifer has proved herself an able and conscientious member of the trustee group.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. NEARY, *Chairman*
SARAH H. TRUSSELL
JANICE PULSIFER

Library Trustees

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

I herewith submit a report of the Tree and Moth Departments for the year 1956.

The work of supressing the various bugs and diseases that attack shade trees, has been carried on by spraying and trimming out dead wood.

We had 38 elm trees with Dutch Elm Disease last year. They were cut down and burned as required by law.

Brush and undergrowth have been cut along the sides of various streets.

Respectfully submitted,

RUDOLPH H. HARADEN,
Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of the Public Library:

The Librarian herewith submits her report for the year 1956.

Circulation reached a record total of 16,791 books and periodicals.

		<i>Main Library</i>	<i>Branch Library</i>	<i>Schools</i>
Totals		8752		7105
Adult	Fiction	2529		3320
“	Non-fiction	1213		438
“	Periodicals	1224		880
“	Totals	4966		4638
Juv.	Fiction	2823		2105
“	Non-fiction	917		462
“	Periodicals	46		
“	Total	3786		2567

A total of 611 volumes were added to the book collection.

		<i>Main Library</i>	<i>Branch Library</i>
Adult	Fiction	143	102
“	Non-fiction	83	37
Juv.	Fiction	80	60
“	Non-fiction	46	30
Reference		30	

The Librarian wishes once again to express her appreciation for the many hours of voluntary assistance so generously offered by the women of Hamilton. She is particularly grateful to Mrs. Daniel Hughes, Mrs. Richard Rulon and Mrs. John Neary for their many hours at the circulation desk, not only during her recent leave-of-absence but throughout the entire year.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUISE BROWN,
Librarian

REPORT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

The office of Civil Defense for the first three quarters of 1956 maintained about the same procedure as in past years. That is, the usual reports and statistics, as called for by the State, and Federal agencies, and attendance at various meetings and lectures held periodically by various departments of Civil Defense.

The most active branch of our local agency being the Auxiliary Police which rendered to the Town of Hamilton valuable services at no expense. Some of which was the extra police coverage at Halloween — the town celebration at July 4th — Memorial Day parade — teenage dances — and night police coverage of the town during the hospitalization of the Chief of Hamilton's regular police force — also police duty at horse shows. Our Auxiliary Police were also active outside Hamilton in pistol matches with the Auxiliary Police of surrounding towns. The team won cups in the season just past as No. 1 team in "B" division. We also provided police at the sports car races at Beverly Airport, the proceeds of which go to the Beverly Hospital.

During the final quarter of 1956, Civil Defense activity was stepped up on a State and Federal scale. In cooperation with the selectmen and the local department heads of the town, we too started various plans in operation. Most important being our signing up with Federal government in the "Surplus Commodities" and "Matching Funds" plans, which we feel will benefit the town. Next we started a program to tie Hamilton into the State radio network, which will be completed in the first quarter of 1957. The radio communications being a necessity to the town in time of severe storms or any interruption of telephone service. Our radio department will be under the supervision of Charles Gagnon assisted by William Gagnon, both qualified by the State as amateur radio experts. As soon as possible we hope to have portable radios (two-way) to tie our fire, police and other town departments into one radio center. Other local agencies will be activated and brought up to strength during 1957.

It was with regret that Melvin Reid found it necessary to retire for reasons of health. We all hope his health improves at his new home.

Respectfully submitted,

HARVEY E. BARNES,
Civil Defense Director

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

The Assessors submit herewith their annual report for the calendar year ending December 31, 1956.

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

(for the past four years)

	1953	1954	1955	1956
Total Valuation	\$7,377,925	\$8,014,920	\$8,390,985	\$9,073,215
Increase over previous year	474,770	636,995	376,065	682,230
Number of Polls	1,085	1,178	1,284	1,355
	1,231	1,351	1,403	1,507

DETAIL OF ASSESSMENT

Value of Buildings	\$6,809,800	
Value of Land	1,605,235	
Total Value of Real Estate		\$8,415,035
Value of Personal Estate		658,180
Total Valuation		\$9,073,215
Tax Rate \$43.00 per Thousand		
Tax on Real Estate		\$361,846.61
Tax on Personal Estate		28,301.77
Tax on Polls		2,710.00
Total Taxes Assessed		\$392,858.38

RECAPITULATION

EXPENDITURES

Appropriations to be raised by taxation	\$ 651,720.65
State Tax and Assessments :	
State Parks and Reservations	673.22
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	631.50
County Tax and Assessments :	
County Tax	19,542.56
Tuberculosis Hospital	6,347.77
Overlay for the current year 1956	11,783.84
Gross amount to be raised	\$ 690,699.54

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Veterans Benefits	\$ 600.00
Income Tax	37,774.78
Corporation Tax	21,144.34
Reimbursements a/c Publicly owned land	6,196.26
Old Age Tax (meals)	994.47
Motor vehicle and Trailer Excise Tax	51,000.00
Licenses	1,500.00
Special Assessments (moth)	860.35
Protection of Persons and Property	100.00
Health and Sanitation	500.00
Charities (other than Federal Grants for dependent children)	4,000.00
Old Age Assistance (other than Federal Grants)	16,000.00
Schools	8,000.00
Public Services (water)	34,000.00
Cemetery	1,000.00
Interest on Taxes and Assessments	300.00
State Assistance for School Construction	8,574.39
Over Estimates of previous year:	
State Recreation Areas	89.87
Tuberculosis Hospital	1,206.70
Amount taken from available funds	104,000.00
Tax receipts from 1956 Assessments	392,858.38
 Gross Receipts	 \$ 690,699.54

In conclusion, the Board of Assessors would like to stress the fact that available land for home construction in this town is fast disappearing. For the past four years the assessed valuation of the town has increased on an average of approximately \$500,000 annually. The revenue from this new property has helped balance the increased cost of government and public services by about \$2.00 on the tax rate each year.

The Board wishes to issue this warning, that in its considered opinion, this pace of new revenue cannot be maintained because of the growing lack of available land and that the value of new property will drop increasingly in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT H. CHITTICK
ELMO O. ADAMS
ARTHUR L. BENNETT

Assessors

REPORT OF THE HAMILTON SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

(For the Construction of Addition No. 2 to the Manasseh Cutler School)

To the Citizens of Hamilton:

The School Building Committee, in compliance with action taken by the Town at the Annual Meeting held on March 5, 1956, has constructed and equipped a second two-room addition at the Manasseh Cutler School.

Stoner Associates, the architects, prepared plans and specifications which were submitted for public bid. The Ames Shovel and Tool Company of North Easton, Massachusetts, was the low bidder.

This company began the construction of the addition during the summer and had the building ready for occupancy for the opening of school on September 5, 1956. The Building Committee is pleased with the rooms and has found them to be in accordance with plans and specifications. The School Committee assigned two sections of the third grade to the new rooms and members indicate that they have been entirely satisfactory as classrooms. Minor work, still to be done, is in the process of being completed by the general contractor.

The original appropriation of \$45,000 for the project will be sufficient to cover all costs of the addition. Preliminary processing of the materials to be submitted to the State School Building Assistance Commission for State Aid has been done. A final report will be made as soon as all work is completed. State Aid in the amount of 28% of the approved final cost will be allowed to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLAN MacCURRACH, *Chairman*

FREDERICK J. CALDWELL

DOUGLAS A. CHANDLER

GEORGE C. CUTLER

HENRY J. GOURDEAU

GRACE B. LAMSON

JOHN F. NEARY

MORLEY L. PIPER

Hamilton School Building Committee

SCHOOL BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE FOR 1956

To the Citizens of Hamilton:

This is the fifth in a series of reports covering the investigations and deliberations of the School Building Needs Committee from July 1956 to the present time.

In a special town meeting held on July 16, 1956, the Building Needs Committee recommended that a Building Committee be appointed for the purpose of acquiring a site and constructing a new 12-room elementary school building. The townspeople approved the suggestion of the Building Needs Committee and the new Building Committee is at work carrying out the wishes of the Town.

At this same town meeting the Building Needs Committee was instructed to continue its deliberations with particular reference to a study of the housing needs at the secondary level for Hamilton. Careful investigation of the present and projected school enrollments clearly indicates that the present high school building will not be able to house our anticipated 7-12 population for the 1960-1961 school year. The following projections, prepared in the office of the School Building Assistance Commission from data which were supplied to them may be helpful in considering future needs.

PROJECTED PUPIL ENROLLMENT — HAMILTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

<i>School Year</i>	<i>Grades K-6</i>	<i>Grades 7-9</i>	<i>Grades 10-12</i>	<i>Grades 7-12</i>	<i>Total K-12</i>
1957-1958	745	174	126	300	1045
1958-1959	797	220	146	366	1163
1959-1960	867	280	143	423	1290
1960-1961	911	351	147	498	1409
1961-1962		377	188	565	
1962-1963		384	239	623	
1963-1964		383	300	683	
1964-1965		368	321	689	
1965-1966		422	327	749	
1966-1967		483	328	811	
1967-1968		553	314	867	
1968-1969			363		
1969-1970			415		
1970-1971			489		

The Committee is of the opinion that the present high school building can best be used in the years ahead as a very desirable junior high school, housing grades seven and eight. There is a possibility, should the need arise, that grade six could be included in the junior high school plan.

Any new plant at the secondary grade level should be planned for a minimum of 400 pupils. A high school of this size is educationally and financially sound. A comprehensive program meeting the needs of the boys and girls of the community can be provided without excessively increasing the per pupil cost. The question then facing the Committee and ultimately the community would be to examine the relative needs of a Hamilton High School or a Regional High School.

There are obvious advantages under either proposed solution but the Building Needs Committee feels that it is imperative to examine both plans most carefully. As a step in this direction the Committee has met with School Study groups in the towns of Manchester and Wenham. Both these communities, along with Hamilton, face a high school problem in the relatively near future. All three committees are concerned to present to their respective communities the solution which best meets the Town's needs in the soundest educational and financial manner.

No concrete plans or proposals have yet resulted from these meetings. It is the intent of our Committee to continue to explore the possibilities of the Regional High School idea. The Committee hopes to be able to present to the Town, in the relatively near future, a comprehensive view of the advantages and disadvantages of the several possible solutions to our secondary school housing problem.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLAN MacCURRENCH, *Chairman*
FREDERICK J. CALDWELL
DOUGLAS A. CHANDLER
GEORGE C. CUTLER
HENRY J. GOURDEAU
GRACE B. LAMSON
JOHN F. NEARY
MORLEY L. PIPER

Hamilton School Building Needs Committee

REPORT OF THE DENTAL CLINIC

To the members of the Hamilton Board of Health:

GENTLEMEN :

I herewith submit my report to the Dental Clinic for the year 1956.

Total number of dental operations — 749 — as follows:

Amalgam Fillings	535
Cement Fillings	60
Cleanings	85
Cavity Linings	15
Novocaine Injections	17
X-rays	1
Extractions	20
Temporary Teeth	19
Permanent Teeth (for straightening purposes)	1
Treatments	14
Root Treatments	2
Certificates	82

This report does not vary much from previous years. As you know, our Clinic is held two mornings a week and at the present time we see only children from the first three grades. Unfortunately, because we see the children only two mornings a week we saw only 157 children. The total enrollment of the first three grades is 346 children, which means that there were 189 children we did not see at all. I think it very unfortunate for I am sure that the 189 children need dentistry as much as, if not more than the 157 children I did see.

When this Clinic was first set up in 1941, it was intended to reach every child in the first six grades and it did with the exception of a few children who went to their own dentists. There are 269 children in the fourth, fifth and six grades. I can only guess what the condition of their teeth is.

Very truly yours,

JOHN KING, D.M.D.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of Hamilton:

We submit herewith a report of the activities of the Board of Health for the year ending December 31, 1956.

Along with other departments of the Town, the activities of the Board of Health have increased in keeping with the growth of our community. In addition to having jurisdiction over communicable diseases and local health problems, the Board of Health is responsible for the collection and disposal of garbage and refuse; the inspection of all new developments to ascertain if adequate sewage and drainage can be provided; the inspection of all sewage disposal systems and other matters relating to public health.

We have now completed two years of collecting and disposing of garbage and refuse by town equipment and town employees. This method has proven far superior to letting the work out on contract as was done in the past, and by comparison with the cost in other communities the work is being done at a lesser expense.

In keeping with a state wide program, polio clinics were conducted under the jurisdiction of this Board for children between the ages of 1 and 15 years. Clinics for first "shots" were held in June, and for second "shots" in August. Children attending these clinics received the inoculations without charge, the vaccine being furnished by the State and the Town assuming the cost of conducting the clinic.

The Dental Clinic has been continued under the supervision of Dr. John King, assisted by Miss Florence Stobbart, School Nurse, for children in the first three grades of school. A report of the activities of the Dental Clinic by Dr. King may be found elsewhere in the town report.

The following is a list of communicable diseases reported during the year:

Scarlet Fever	3	Infectious Hepatitis	1
German Measles	13	Salmonella	2
Chicken Pox	3	Meningitis	1
Dog-Bite	5	Tuberculosis	1
Mumps	1	Measles	1

The Board expresses its appreciation to Charles F. Poole, Highway Surveyor, for his excellent cooperation at all times, especially his supervision and loaning of men and equipment for rubbish collection. Appreciation is extended to all who have assisted the Board in any way during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

EVERETT F. HALEY
LAWRENCE LAMSON
LAWRENCE R. STONE

Board of Health

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

We submit a report of the Welfare Department for the year ending December 31, 1956.

The administration of General Relief, Disability Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children and Old Age Assistance in our Town is under the jurisdiction of this Board. The expenditures of all categories in 1956 showed an increase of \$2750. over the previous year. The State Department of Public Welfare granted a cost of living increase of approximately six per cent, effective July 1, 1956 to the three categories to which the state and federal government contribute reimbursements to the Town. Another factor was the rising cost of medical care and hospitalization.

General Relief expenditures showed an increase of \$1100. over last year due to more persons requiring temporary assistance.

Disability Assistance expenditures decreased \$750. but new cases at the end of the year and additional hospital expenses will enlarge the budget for the coming year.

Aid to Dependent Children expenditures increased over \$1650. on account of new cases.

Old Age Assistance expenditures showed an increase of \$750. because of higher medical expenses. Under a new law, aliens who have lived continuously in the United States and three of the last nine years in Massachusetts are eligible for Old Age Assistance if all other policies are met by the applicant.

A recovery of \$3778.54 was made under a lien on real estate, being released on the estate of a recipient of old age assistance. This amount is allocated according to the amount that was contributed by Federal, State and Local governments to this recipient's support.

The following figures show the expenditures during 1956, the amount of reimbursements received and the net cost to the town for each category.

GENERAL RELIEF

<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Reimbursements</i>
By Town -----	\$5,634.95
By Towns and Cities ..	\$1,794.01
By State -----	398.84
Net Cost to Town -----	3,442.10

	\$5,634.95

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Reimbursements</i>
By Town -----	\$4,521.04
Federal Government ..	\$1,314.10
State of Mass. -----	2,165.63
Net Cost to Town -----	1,041.31

	\$4,521.04

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Reimbursements</i>
By Town -----	\$7,728.81
Federal Government ..	\$2,875.70
State of Mass. -----	3,050.61
Net Cost to Town -----	1,802.50

	\$7,728.81

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Reimbursements</i>
By Town -----	\$40,640.29
Federal Government ..	\$18,141.61
State of Mass. -----	13,852.03
Towns and Cities -----	1,432.20
Individuals -----	89.03
Net Cost to Town -----	7,125.42

	\$40,640.29

Earlier in the year, we received the resignation of our Welfare Agent, Francis H. Whipple. Mr. Whipple had served this department for eighteen years. His interest and knowledge in the work of this department over the years has been outstanding. We have appointed to take his place Bernard A. Cullen. Already Mr. Cullen is showing a keen interest in the work and is proving a great help to this Board. To Mr. Whipple, Mr. Cullen and all others who have given us cooperation during the past year, we are sincerely thankful.

Respectfully submitted,

LAWRENCE R. STONE

LAWRENCE LAMSON

EVERETT F. HALEY

Board of Public Welfare



JENNIE S. PERLEY

July 7, 1874 — October 23, 1956

On October 23rd. the townspeople of Hamilton were deeply saddened by the death of Mrs. Jennie (Smith) Perley.

Born in Historic Salem, Massachusetts, July 7, 1874, daughter of James T. and Delia (Trull) Smith, she was educated in the public schools of Salem and a graduate of Salem Commercial School, coming to Hamilton soon after her marriage to Alvin L. Perley in 1900.

Mrs. Perley always possessed a sincere interest in civic and social affairs of the town. She held the position of Librarian at the town branch library for thirty-five years until her retirement in 1955. She was devoted to her duties, helpful to all and always thought of as a faithful town official. Mrs. Perley was a charter member of the Hamilton Mothers' Club, a director of Community Service, a member of the first town Scholarship Committee and numerous other organizations of town. For thirty-six years she was local correspondent for the Salem Evening News, retiring only a few months prior to her passing.

Loved by children, known by all for her genial personality, a pleasant word for everyone, she will long be remembered by her legion of friends.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of the Town of Hamilton:

In submitting our report for the year just ended we wish to call to your attention that Hamilton has completed 164 years of its incorporation. From its early beginning, Hamilton with its rolling fields and farming country was regarded as a rural community. Since then, and particularly during the past ten years, it has experienced many changes, the once rural character of the town has almost completely given way to a more or less suburban area. This rapid change has presented to the Board of Selectmen many new and varied problems. We have endeavored to meet these problems as each presented itself and to solve them for the best interest of the town as a whole.

For the first time in the history of the Town we experimented with aerial spraying for mosquito control. Reports indicate that such spraying was very effective in most parts of town. The \$1,200 appropriated provided for but one spraying, and with the apparent success we are to recommend an appropriation of \$2,500 for 1957 to provide for three sprayings.

A few years ago steps were taken by the Board of Selectmen to interest the Postoffice Department in instituting mail delivery service in the town. We have pursued this possibility and now have been advised that mail delivery service will be instituted in the South Hamilton and Asbury Grove section of town early in 1957.

Each year many legislative bills are filed affecting directly or indirectly the Town of Hamilton as well as other communities. During the past year this Board has attended hearings at the State House on such proposed legislation, as well as attending conferences and meetings with State, County and Municipal officials on matters pertaining to the Town. In all cases the Board acted in such manner as was considered to be for the best interest of the Town.

The enforcement of the zoning by-law adopted nearly three years ago is the responsibility of the Selectmen. Although for the most part we find excellent cooperation by the townspeople in complying with the provisions of this by-law, it has been the unpleasant duty of the Board in a few cases to resort to legal measures. Several cases involving apparent hardships were referred to the Appeal Board for action. We feel that the Appeal Board has done an excellent job in handling such difficult cases.

The adoption by the Town of a Building and Electrical Code, placing the enforcement under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen, made it necessary to appoint Building and Electrical Inspectors. Mr. Frank W. Buzzell had served in such capacity under the zoning by-law for nearly three years and it was considered advisable to have one person perform the duties of both positions, and he was so appointed. Having been a builder for many years, Mr. Buzzell is considered to be well qualified for the position. Mr. Thomas M. Robinson, a licensed electrician, was appointed Electrical Inspector. Mr. Robinson has had many years of experience in electrical work

of practically every nature, and has excellent qualifications for the position. Both positions are on a part time basis.

The building by-laws also provided for the appointment by the Selectmen of a Board of Appeals. In compliance with such provision, Jerome F. Flynn, Clark S. Sears, Carl Poehler, Jr., W. Whitney Lundren and Lawrence C. Foster were appointed.

Due to the quarters of the Branch Library at South Hamilton being taken over to enlarge the postoffice, it became necessary to move the library. At the request of the Library Trustees the Selectmen made space in the Lamson School building available for such purpose.

Several new streets were laid out during the year, and which we recommend be accepted as public town ways by the 1957 annual town meeting.

The building of Linden Street under the Chapter 90 Construction program was completed during the year. This street is now in excellent condition and should serve for many years with but a very little maintenance cost. The Board has had several meetings with officials of the State Department of Public Works considering streets to be rebuilt under the Chapter 90 Construction program during the coming year. After several conferences it was decided to select School Street to be rebuilt for the entire length.

Notice has been received by the Board that the Town is to receive approximately \$16,000 as a grant from the State to be used for road building. We recommend that this money be used to rebuild Willow Street the entire length and that the town appropriate \$4,000 to be used for such purpose, the total cost of the work estimated to be \$20,000. An article providing for this work will be inserted in the warrant for the 1957 annual town meeting.

For the fourth consecutive year we have continued to erect new street signs, and hope all such signs will be of uniform design within another year or two. Various traffic signs were purchased and erected at appropriate locations. All such signs are acquired by the Selectmen and erected by the Highway Department.

As voted by the annual town meeting, we constructed a parking area on the Engine House Lot at the corner of Willow Street and Railroad Avenue. The use of this lot has been well patronized and has resulted in a lesser number of cars being parked on Railroad Avenue.

We have requested of the State Department of Public Works approval of stop signs at the corner of Linden and Lois Streets as well as Railroad Avenue and Willow Street. Such approval is necessary before the signs can be erected.

The outside of the Town Hall was painted and the welfare office re-plastered under the 1956 appropriation for Painting and Repairs. The welfare office is to be painted at a later date when the plaster has sufficiently dried.

New street lights have been installed on newly accepted streets as well as a few where needed on older streets. Each year it become necessary to ask for an increase in the appropriation for street lighting to cover the cost of added lights.

During the year Melvin F. Reid resigned as Civil Defense Director, and the Board appointed Harvey E. Barnes to the position. We extend to

Mr. Reid our sincere appreciation for the excellent manner in which he performed his duties as Director.

Melvin F. Reid also resigned as a member of the Board of Library Trustees. As provided by law, the Selectmen and the remaining members of the Board of Library Trustees met and elected Mrs. Janice P. Pulsifer to fill the vacancy until the next annual election. With the resignation of Raymond A. Whipple as a member of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners, the Selectmen likewise met with the remaining members of the Cemetery Commissioners and elected Luther M. Caverly to fill the vacancy until the next annual town election.

The Board is of the opinion that the cleaning of certain brooks and streams is necessary to provide proper drainage in some sections of the town. With this in mind we recommend that the 1957 annual town meeting appropriate \$1,000 to be matched with a like amount by the State Department of Public Works as a start on this program.

The town hall roof is in need of major repairs or possibly an entire new roof covering. At the time of this writing we are in the process of having inspections made in order that we may be in a position to recommend at the annual town meeting.

The Auxiliary Police of the town organized under the Civil Defense Act, have been most helpful assisting in police matters during the past year. Many of the members have given much of their time without compensation by the town. To each and every one we express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the valuable services rendered.

This report by no means covers the entire duties of the Board of Selectmen, nor its complete activities during the year. It is intended to enlighten the townspeople as to those in which there would be the most interest.

In conclusion we would like to thank the Citizens for the privilege you have given us to serve you as your Selectmen. Your patience and understanding has been most appreciative as we have made every effort to solve your problems in a fair and satisfactory manner. We also wish to thank our Town Clerk and Town Counsel as well as all others who have assisted us so generously during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

LAWRENCE LAMSON

LAWRENCE R. STONE

EVERETT F. HALEY

Board of Selectmen

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

1957

ESSEX, ss. *To the Constable of the Town of Hamilton:*

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton, qualified to vote in election and Town affairs, to meet in the HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM in said Town on Monday, the fourth day of March, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven (March 4, 1957) at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening (7:30 P.M.) then and there to act on the following articles, viz.

Article 1. To bring your ballots for:

Moderator for one year.

Town Clerk for one year.

Three Selectmen for one year.

Treasurer for one year.

Tax Collector for one year.

Assessor for three years.

Tree Warden for one year.

Highway Surveyor for one year.

Two members of the School Committee for three years.

One member of the School Committee for two years.

Library Trustee for three years.

Water Commissioner for three years.

Cemetery Commissioner for three years.

Park Commissioner for three years.

Member of the Planning Board for five years.

The above named officers to be voted for on one ballot on Tuesday, the twelfth day of March, 1957, (March 12, 1957) in the HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM. The polls will be opened at 8:00 o'clock A.M. and will close at 8:00 o'clock P.M.

Article 2. To choose and appoint all other Town Officers in such manner as the Town may determine.

Article 3. To hear the reports of the Town Officers and of the Finance and Advisory Committee and all other committees and take any other action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 4. To raise and appropriate money for Schools, Highways, and all other Town expenses and determine the manner of expending the same.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance of various streets in the town, or take any other action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction in the Town, or take any other action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will provide for the permanent construction of Willow Street subject to the approval of the State Department of Public Works and the receipt by the Town of State funds for such purpose, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or take any other action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a new Cruiser-Ambulance for use of the Police Department, provide for the turning in of the present cruiser toward the purchase price thereof, and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or take any other action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a new truck for use of the Water Department, provide for the turning in of the present 1942 Dodge Truck toward the purchase price thereof, and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or take any other action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a truck equipped with a so-called automatic sand spreader, snow plow and other snow fighting equipment for use of the Highway Department, or take any other action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to lease from F. Harlan Clock and Nellie L. Clock the area of about one and three-quarter acres with right of way thereto from Sagamore Street for a town dump for a period of ten years, being the same area which is now used as a town dump, at a rental of \$300 a year and the installation by the Town at an estimated cost of \$2,000 of a six-inch water main on the leased land for the sole use of the Town for the duration of the lease and thereafter to the land; to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the foregoing purposes, or take any other action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for mosquito spraying in the Town, the work to be done under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of cleaning rivers and streams, the work to be done by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works under Chapter 91, to assume liability in the manner provided by said Chapter 91 for all damages that may be incurred by said work; and to authorize the Selectmen to execute bonds of indemnity therefor, or take any other action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and approve the Board of Assessors to use available funds or "free cash" in an amount not to exceed the sum of \$20,000 in determining the tax rate for the year 1957, or take any other action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,000 from the Cemetery Sale of Lots and Graves Fund to the Cemetery Account for improvements to the Town Cemetery, or take any other action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$8000, from the Overlay Reserve Account to the Finance Committee Reserve Fund, or take any other action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase or eminent domain under Chapter 79, General Laws of Massachusetts, or otherwise, the fee in all or a part of the parcel of land on Bay Road of approximately 60,000 square feet, identified as parcel B on a plan entitled "Portion of Anderson Property" prepared by Northrup B. Allen, C. E., and dated February 15, 1957 on file with the Town Clerk, and adjacent land, and to construct and originally equip and furnish a building or buildings for one or more of the following purposes: police headquarters, fire station, and/or library on said land; to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the foregoing purposes and to determine the manner in which the appropriation is to be raised, whether by borrowing, by taxation, by transfer of available funds or otherwise, or take any other action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to receive and accept the Fifth Report of the School Building Needs Committee for the period from July 1956 to the present time as an interim report and to continue the Committee for the purpose of making further study and investigation concerning school housing needs; such Committee to render its report at a Town Meeting at or before the next Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will authorize the School Building Committee to employ architects to prepare final plans for the construction of an elementary school, consisting of twelve class rooms, physical education room, cafeteria-auditorium, offices and incidental rooms, playing fields, landscaping, access and paved areas, to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the foregoing purposes, and to determine the manner in which the appropriation is to be raised, whether by taxation, transfer of available funds or otherwise, or to take any other action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire on behalf of the Town by purchase or eminent domain under Chapter 79, General Laws of Massachusetts, or otherwise, for school purposes, the fee in all or a part of the parcel of land on Bay Road of approximately 15 acres, identified as parcel A on a plan entitled "Portion of Anderson Property", dated February 15, 1951, prepared by Northrup B. Allen, C. E., on file with the Town Clerk, and the parcel of land identified as parcel B on said plan if said parcel is not to be acquired by the Town under Article 17 of this Warrant, to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the foregoing purpose, and to determine the manner in which the appropriation is to be raised, whether by taxation, transfer of available funds or otherwise, or take any other action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-Laws of the Town by striking out Section 1 of Chapter 1 and inserting in place thereof the following: "Section 1. The Annual Town Meeting shall be held on the first Monday of March in each year at 8:00 o'clock in the evening, at which time Town business in pursuance of the Warrant of the Annual Town Meeting shall be transacted except the election of Town officers. If the business of the Annual Town Meeting is not completed on the evening of the said first Monday of March the Meeting may be adjourned from time to time. The Election of Town Officers shall be held on the first Tuesday following the second Monday of March. The polls for the election of said Town officers shall be opened at 8:00 o'clock A.M. and shall close at 8:00 o'clock P.M.", or take any other action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 401 of the Acts of 1956, providing certain protection for Civil Defense volunteers driving publicly owned vehicles, or take any other action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public Town way, Camp Road, so-called, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan on file with the Town Clerk entitled "Acceptance Plan of Camp Road", or take any other action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public Town way, Bradford Road, so-called, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen as shown on a plan on file with the Town Clerk entitled "Acceptance Plan of Bradford Road", or take any other action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public Town way, Priscilla Road and Sharon Road, so-called, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan on file with the Town Clerk entitled "Acceptance Plan of Sharon Road", and that both such ways be named Sharon Road, or take any other action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public Town way, Postgate Road, so-called, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan on file with the Town Clerk entitled "Acceptance Plan of Postgate Road", or take any other action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to sell to Esmond R. Crowley, Jr. for the sum of \$125.00 plus surveying and other costs, a portion of the abandoned Boston and Maine Railroad roadbed now owned by the Town abutting property owned by said Esmond R. Crowley, Jr., and more specifically described on a plan of said land on file with the Town Clerk, or take any other action thereon or relative thereto.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1958, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws and Amendments thereto.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector, may use agreeable to Chapter 41, Section 37, General Laws and Amendments thereto.

Article 30. To act on any other matter that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at each of the Post Offices in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-first day of January, A.D., 1957.

LAWRENCE LAMSON
LAWRENCE R. STONE
EVERETT F. HALEY
Selectmen of Hamilton

A true copy, Attest

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE,
Town Clerk

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Practically all municipalities in the country are confronted with a rising tide in operating expenses, particularly in the educational category. Your Finance Committee herewith submits the proposed budget for the present year after carefully reviewing all expense items of the several Town Departments. Obviously, our principal concern is to maintain the tax rate at the most reasonable level possible, but in line with most communities facing similar problems, our 1957 tax levy will reflect a decided increase. This, of course, is largely the result of our steadily increasing population, which according to estimates is rising to a figure approaching 5,000; in other words, an increase of nearly 1,000 during the past year. The obvious impact is on the regular services rendered by the Town, and the issue becomes vastly more important when it is realized that we cannot visualize any plateau for the tax rate in the immediate future, since over-all expenditures are rising and will continue to do so at a more rapid rate than the valuation of the Town.

Naturally, we have made every effort to hold expenses in line with the intent to preserve the present standards of the Town. We know every citizen shares our interest in maintaining the Town on a scale consistent with its character and desirability as a place for us to reside.

The regular budget for 1957, as compiled by the Finance Committee for your consideration, shows an increase of approximately \$89,000 over the 1956 budget. The total for the current year is \$635,387 as compared to \$546,876 for last year and the increase is due principally to the following items:

	1956	1957	<i>Increase</i>
1. Education	\$235,000	\$288,000	\$53,000
2. Debt Retirement and Interest	69,000	80,000	11,000
3. Highways	47,000	58,000	11,000
4. General Government	37,000	44,000	7,000
5. Protection	29,000	33,000	4,000
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	Total		\$86,000

1. The increase in Education of \$53,000 is accounted largely by a \$37,000 increase in Expense of Instruction which amounts to \$192,000 and represents nearly 70% of the total school budget. This relates almost entirely to salaries of the instructors and in the present competitive market for qualified teachers, salary scales should, of course, be maintained on a competitive basis to assure proper functioning of our school system.

2. During 1956, the Town paid the last instalment of \$3,000 on water bonds issued in 1951. However, the increase of \$11,000 for debt retirement and interest is the result of providing for the first instalment due on

the recent issue of \$112,000 water bonds authorized at the Special Town Meeting. In addition, interest charges are higher than a year ago and interim borrowings during 1957 may be necessary.

3. The increase of \$11,000 for Highways is principally caused by raising the appropriation for snow removal and sanding and other contributing factors are expenses involving higher maintenance and regular operating charges.

4. General Government shows an increase of \$7,000 which includes a new roof for the Town Hall in the estimated amount of \$5,000. This building was last roofed in 1898 and through deterioration is subject to damaging leakages. Other items increasing in this category are expenses for inspectors as well as additional secretarial assistance and also counsel expenses arising from two court cases pending.

5. It has been considered expedient to take advantage of Federal Government offerings of surplus equipment for Civil Defense needs at nominal costs. The Government has been actively promoting this program among municipalities. Our initial participation involves the purchase of short-wave radio equipment. Other increases in the budget for Protection are spread throughout the various departments on a moderate scale.

COMPARATIVE CONSOLIDATED BUDGETS

	1955		1956		1957	
	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount
Education	41.2	203,747.02	43.2	235,287.00	45.2	288,175.00
Debt, Retirement and Interest	14.0	71,100.00	12.7	69,250.00	12.7	80,000.00
Welfare and Benefits	10.1	51,145.00	7.9	43,120.00	7.4	46,620.00
Highways	9.7	47,140.00	8.6	47,745.00	9.2	58,730.00
Public Service	6.0	30,060.00	7.2	40,720.00	6.5	41,562.97
General Government	6.2	31,233.84	6.8	37,232.65	7.1	44,826.37
Protection	5.1	25,642.00	5.5	29,645.00	5.3	33,775.00
Health	3.1	16,375.00	3.5	18,810.00	3.2	20,305.00
Unclassified	3.0	15,000.00	2.9	15,922.00	1.8	11,300.00
Recreation	1.6	8,775.00	1.7	9,145.00	1.6	10,093.00
Total						
Regular Budgets		500,217.86		546,876.65		635,387.34

ACTION ON SPECIAL ARTICLES 1957 WARRANT

ARTICLE 5: *Chapter 90 Maintenance. Cost to the Town \$1,000. Recommended*

ARTICLE 6: *Chapter 90 Highway Construction. Cost to the Town \$3,500. Recommended.*

The purpose of the appropriation is to repair School Street which is an actively used thoroughfare and in poor condition. The State will match our appropriation with \$7,000, and the County \$3,500.

ARTICLE 7: Permanent Construction of Willow Street. Cost to the Town \$4,000. Recommended.

This has been a problem road for years and is one of the more important streets serving the shopping area. The State will contribute \$16,000 for the permanent construction thereof.

ARTICLE 8: Purchase of Cruiser-Ambulance. Cost to the Town \$2,000. Recommended.

The present vehicle has gone approximately 60,000 miles and for reasons of efficiency in our protection facilities and of avoiding increasing maintenance costs should be replaced.

ARTICLE 9: Purchase of Water Department Truck. Cost to the Town \$2,700. Recommended.

This will replace a 1942 truck presently in operation. Due to the expanded facilities of the Water Department, adequate equipment is a necessity to assure proper attention to their services.

ARTICLE 10: Purchase for Highway Department a truck with automatic sand-spreader, snow plow and other equipment. Cost to the Town \$6,500. Recommended.

The Highway Department has been operating for some time under the handicap of inadequate equipment and has been compelled to hire outside assistance because of our enlarged road system over the past few years. This vehicle would be used beyond the winter season for sanding of oiled roads and would pay for itself within the space of a few years by means of a reduction in the rental of outside equipment.

ARTICLE 11: Cost of \$2,000 to install water pipe line and hydrant to Town Dump. Recommended.

ARTICLE 12: Cost of \$2,500 for mosquito spraying. Recommended.

ARTICLE 13: Cost of \$1,000 plus State funds of \$1,000 clean rivers and streams to improve drainage. Recommended.

ARTICLE 14: Use of Free Cash in Determining tax rate. Recommended.

This article permits the Assessors to draw on the Excess and Deficiency Fund \$20,000 to lower the 1957 tax rate.

ARTICLE 17: Construction of new Police and Fire Station and Library Quarters, Cost to the Town \$105,000. Recommended.

The timing of this article is unfortunate but it nevertheless merits serious consideration because of the need of the Town for adequate quarters of this type. With a much more substantial increase in the tax rate facing us in 1958, as well as in the years ahead, it would seem expedient to erect this building at the present time; otherwise, the project should probably be shelved until long after the proposed High or Regional School

in 1960, or thereabouts, since our bonded debt amortization will not reduce materially for years. If voted, the new building would have no effect on the 1957 tax rate and would represent roughly a \$1.00 increase on the 1958 rate with a gradual reduction over a fifteen-year period as a result of declining interest charges.

ARTICLE 19 - 20: *Construction of New Elementary School and purchase of land for purpose thereof. Recommended.*

The need for additional school facilities is imperative and the Finance Committee supports the recommendations of the School Building Committee. While there has been some question as to the most prudent choice of location, we accept the findings and reports of the reliable and competent engineering firm employed for this purpose.

ARTICLES 23 - 24 - 25 - 26: *To accept certain streets.*

The Finance Committee recommends the acceptance of these streets, provided they have met the by-laws in detail and are acceptable to the Selectmen and the Planning Board after consulting with the Water Board and the Surveyor of Highways.

Respectfully submitted,

LAWRENCE E. PELKEY

CLARK S. SEARS

CHARLES E. GRANT

THOMAS G. STEVENSON

JOHN C. GARLAND, Chairman

TOWN OF HAMILTON
1957 Budget

Recommended by the Town Finance Committee

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Expended 1955</i>	<i>Expended 1956</i>	<i>Recommended 1957</i>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
1	\$-----	\$-----	\$-----
2	20.00	15.00	20.00
3	1,150.00	1,150.00	1,150.00
4	2,427.80	2,360.45	3,600.00
5	3,500.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
6	299.52	299.52	300.00
7	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,700.00
8	451.98	652.56	475.00
9	1,800.00	1,800.00	2,000.00
10	846.24	845.65	900.00
11	2,399.95	2,462.00	2,500.00
12	454.96	523.06	595.00
13	800.00	800.00	800.00
14	-----	24.42	1,200.00
15	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,200.00
16	2,539.67	2,409.93	3,450.00
17	15.75	15.20	500.00
18	1,683.23	2,498.12	2,000.00
19	2,900.00	3,000.00	3,100.00
20	2,993.11	2,383.02	2,500.00
21	-----	-----	5,000.00
Total General Government			<u>\$36,990.00</u>

PROTECTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

22	9,596.00	11,273.00	Police: Salaries and Wages	12,000.00
23	1,983.99	2,891.22	Expenses	3,235.00
24	2,657.36	2,797.75	Fire: Salaries and Wages	2,600.00
25	2,209.25	2,432.92	Expenses	3,200.00
26	230.00	230.00	Sealer of Weights and Measures: Salary	230.00
27	93.20	98.15	Expenses	100.00
28	2,150.00	2,150.00	Moth—Town: Salary of Supt.	2,150.00
29	1,368.96	1,191.00	Wages	1,370.00
30	489.55	562.09	Expenses	600.00
31	232.40	228.00	Moth—Private: Expenses	300.00

Item No.	Expended 1955	Expended 1956	Recommended 1957
32	1,250.00	1,410.00	Tree Warden:
33	1,321.12	2,269.44	Salary of Warden
34	-----	146.31	Wages
35	490.64	1,498.38	Expenses
36	-----	196.70	Pruning Elms
			Planting Trees
37	40.00	40.00	Forest Fire Warden:
38	-----	-----	Salary
39	109.25	200.55	Civilian Defense:
			Equipment
			Expenses
			Total Protection Personal
			Property
			\$33,775.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

			Health:	
40	180.00	180.00	Salaries and Wages	180.00
41	2,376.43	1,422.99	Expenses	1,500.00
42	75.00	75.00	Milk Inspector	75.00
43	140.00	140.00	Animal Inspector	140.00
			Dental Clinic:	
44	200.00	200.00	Salary of Nurse:	200.00
45	3,287.10	3,287.10	Expenses	3,600.00
			Sanitation:	
46	11,064.92	13,313.70	Garbage & Refuse Disposal	14,610.00
			Total Health & Sanitation	\$20,305.00

HIGHWAYS

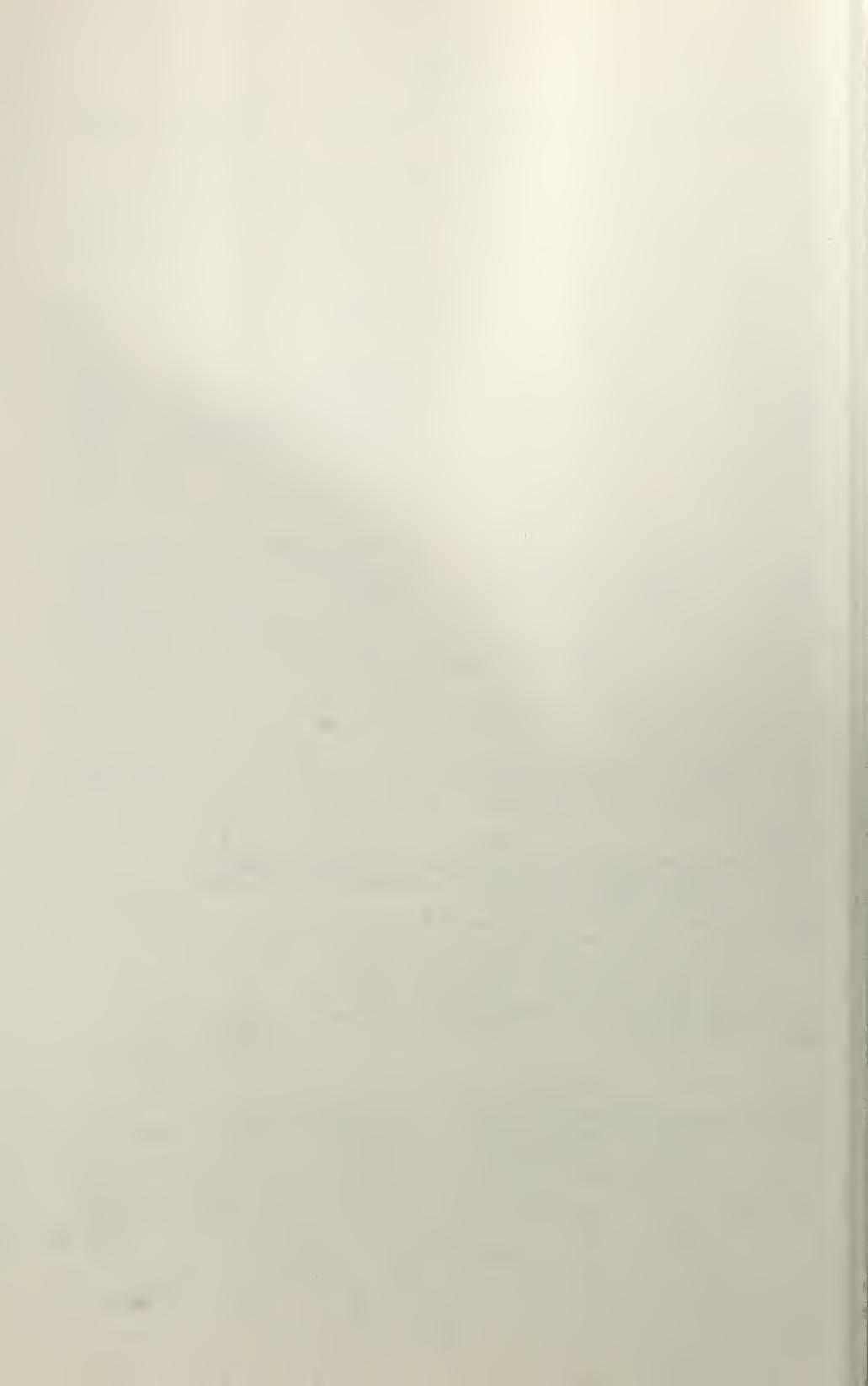
47	3,400.00	3,560.00	Salary of Surveyor	3,680.00
48	12,851.07	18,479.72	Wages	19,805.00
49	6,445.00	6,419.21	Expenses	9,445.00
50	1,499.37	1,484.36	Chapt. 90—Maintenance	(1,000.00)
51	5,789.98	8,518.53	Chapt. 90—Construction	(3,500.00)
52	4,834.45	13,087.02	Snow Removal and Sanding	9,000.00
53	9,793.94	10,104.01	Street Lighting	10,800.00
54	1,903.15	778.93	Sidewalks	1,000.00
55	8,969.79	4,999.90	Gravel Roads	5,000.00
			Total Highways	\$58,730.00

CHARITIES

Public Welfare:			
56	120.00	120.00	Salaries
57	4,529.73	5,634.95	Expenses
58	29,935.90	23,575.16	Old Age Assistance
59	462.70	1,405.56	Administration
60	4,359.81	4,471.34	Aid to Dependent Children
61	4,249.27	3,448.86	Disability Assistance
Total Charities			\$41,120.00

Item No.	Expended 1955	Expended 1956	Recommended 1957
VETERANS' BENEFITS			
62	3,004.49	4,426.75	Expenses 5,500.00
EDUCATION			
63	12,197.10	12,790.63	General Control Expense 15,340.00
64	130,733.99	155,450.58	Expense of Instruction 192,127.00
65	8,504.48	9,466.05	Textbooks and Supplies 13,650.00
66	23,532.73	26,539.59	Operation of Plant 28,575.00
67	3,736.28	7,790.46	Maintenance and Repairs 7,005.00
68	15,697.84	18,209.40	Auxiliary Agencies 26,379.00
69	1,243.50	3,089.66	Outlay for Equipment 3,949.00
70	1,987.85	461.20	Vocational 1,150.00
Total Education			\$288,175.00
LIBRARIES			
71	1,350.00	1,700.00	Salaries and Wages 2,020.00
72	2,300.57	2,810.00	Expenses 2,575.00
			Completion of New Location 656.97
Total Libraries			\$5,251.97
RECREATION			
Parks:			
73	2,900.00	3,000.00	Salary of Supt. 3,100.00
74	945.00	945.00	Salaries Instructors and Clerk 975.00
75	1,399.50	2,198.52	Labor 2,288.00
76	2,153.90	2,235.87	Expenses 2,000.00
77	1,500.00	750.00	New Equipment for Play-ground & Mower 1,730.00
Total Recreation			\$10,093.00
78	4,388.84	5,753.65	PENSIONS 7,836.37
UNCLASSIFIED			
79	1,822.74	1,749.00	Town Reports 2,000.00
80	666.74	647.10	Memorial Day 700.00
81	100.00	100.00	Town Clock 100.00
82	999.03	1,000.00	Veterans' Quarters 1,000.00
83	6,180.00	6,604.15	Insurance 7,500.00
84	2,525.33	4,932.97	Reserve Fund (8,000.00)
Total Unclassified			\$11,300.00

Item No.	Expended 1955	Expended 1956	Recommended 1957
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES			
Water Department:			
85	3,400.00	3,560.00	3,680.00
86	6,412.60	6,700.00	6,425.00
87	11,082.65	14,274.75	15,295.00
88	6,448.66	6,483.31	6,500.00
		Total Water	\$31,900.00
CEMETERIES			
89	2,900.00	3,000.00	3,100.00
90	200.00	200.00	300.00
91	75.00	75.00	75.00
92	1,575.55	1,637.54	936.00
		Total Cemeteries	\$4,411.00
MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST			
93	\$59,000.00	\$58,000.00	Maturing Debt \$66,000.00
94	11,798.75	11,348.00	Interest 14,000.00
		Total Debt and Interest	\$80,000.00
TOTAL BUDGET RECOMMENDATION			
			\$635,387.34
96	Total Recommended, Special Articles		
97	Total, all recommendations		
ADD			
98	Estimated State charges, county taxes, T. B. Hospital assessment, assessors' estimate of overlay, and all other amounts required by law to be raised		
99	Grand total, Recommendations and Estimates		
100	Deductions to compute estimated tax rate: Estimated receipts, income, corporation and other taxes from State, motor vehicle excise and other local receipts from other sources than taxation, trans. available funds.		
101	Poll Taxes		
		\$230,000.00	
		3,000.00	
			\$233,000.00
102	Estimated Balance to be raised by a levy on local real estate and tangible personal property, other than motor vehicle		
			\$469,587.34



REPORT

of the

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

1956

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Citizens of Hamilton:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41, of the General Laws, I submit herewith my report for the year ending December 31, 1956, showing the amount and source of all receipts, the amount of appropriations and expenditures therefrom, purposes of expenditures, town indebtedness, condition of trust funds and a balance sheet.

Although the law provides that such statement shall be in accordance with classification prescribed by the director of accounts, I have further extended the classification of expenditures to make such information readily available to those who desire it. Any additional information will be gladly given to all residents of the town by calling at the office.

I extend my sincere appreciation to all for any assistance rendered me during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS H. WHIPPLE,

Town Accountant.

RECEIPTS

TAXES

Previous Years:

1955 Personal Property	\$766 50
1955 Real Estate	10,522 91

	\$11,289 41

Current Year:

Poll	2,312 00
Personal Property	27,224 49
Real Estate	343,574 40

	373,110 89

	\$384,400 30

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Alcoholic Beverages:

Package Store—All Alcoholic (3)	450 00
Package Store—Wine & Beer (1)	75 00
Restaurant—All Alcoholic (2)	600 00
Club—All Alcoholic (2)	300 00
Common Victular	12 00
Lords' Day	22 00
Motor Vehicle Dealer	12 00
Ice Cream Mfg.	5 00
Junk Collector	10 00
Sale Second Hand Articles	4 00
Sale of Firearms	8 00
Pistol Permits	39 00
Amusement Devices	60 00
Milk	15 00
Auctioneers	4 00
To Hold Auction	1 00
Sewage Permits	350 00
Building Permits	149 00
Electrical Permits	53 50

	2,169 50

	2,169 50

GRANTS AND GIFTS

From State:

Corporation Tax	23,755 50
Income Tax	51,893 21
Old Age Meals Tax	959 38

Carried forward	\$386,569 80

Brought forward		\$386,569 80
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Loss of Taxes on State Land	6,319 32	
Cooperative Snow Plowing	217 00	
State Pedlars License	16 00	
Tuberculosis Subsidy	316 43	
Vocational Education	193 45	
School Transportation Aid	5,255 28	
School Construction Aid		
Elementary & High	8,574 39	
Elementary Addition #2	2,505 50	
Highway Const. Ch. 90	5,267 61	
	105,273 07	
		105,273 07

From County:

Dog Tax Refunds	933 71	
Highway Const. Ch. 90	3,258 02	
	4,191 73	
		4,191 73

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

1955 Moth Spraying	2 30	
1956 Moth Spraying	860 35	
1956 Mosquito Spraying	70 00	
	932 65	
		932 65

PRIVILEGES

1955 Motor Vehicle Excise	5,054 43	
1956 Motor Vehicle Excise	44,924 46	
	49,978 89	
		49,978 89

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Sealers Fees	79 50	
Court Fines	220 00	
	299 50	
		299 50

HEALTH

Dental Clinic Fees	566 00	
Sale of Garbage	540 00	
	1,096 00	
		1,096 00
Carried forward		\$584,341 64

Brought forward	\$584,341 64
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PUBLIC WELFARE

General Relief:				
From State	398	84		
Town and Cities	1,794	01		
			2,192	85
Disability Assistance:				
From State—Assistance	2,165	63		
From State—Administration	25	28		
Aid to Dependent Children:				
From State—Assistance	2,114	37		
			2,114	37
Old Age Assistance:				
From State—Assistance	12,650	24		
Towns and Cities—Assistance	1,321	19		
			13,971	43
Federal Grants:				
Disability Assistance:				
Assistance	1,314	10		
Administration	50	55		
			1,364	65
Aid to Dependent Children:				
Assistance	2,875	70		
Administration	359	69		
			3,235	39
Old Age Assistance:				
Assistance	17,101	61		
Administration	689	41		
			17,791	01
				42,860 62

VETERANS' BENEFITS

From State	953 00	
		953 00
		953 00

SCHOOLS

Tuition—Towns & Individuals	450 00	
Cafeteria—Sale of Lunches	19,987 04	
Cafeteria—Federal Grants	9,621 35	
Athletics Receipts	762 54	
Sale of Supplies	12 35	
Rent of Gym	62 50	
		30,895 78
Carried forward		\$623,051 04

Brought forward	\$623,051 04
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PUBLIC LIBRARY

Fines, Main Library	104 45
Fines, Branch Library	89 44
Sale of Books	1 25
	195 14
	195 14

WATER DEPARTMENT

Meter Rates	37,175 08
Services	1,121 91
Liens—1956	566 00
	38,862 99
	38,862 99

CEMETERY

Care of Lots and Graves	501 00
Care of Endowed Lots & Graves	555 00
Interments	473 00
Sale of Lots and Graves	955 00
	2,484 00
	2,484 00

INTEREST

On Deferred Taxes	335 93
On Checking Acct. (Day Trust Co.)	48 02
	383 95
	383 95

REFUNDS

Departmental Overpayments	169 38
Insurance Premium	413 41
	582 79
	582 79

AGENCY AND TRUSTS

Withholding Tax	33,851 62
Retirement Deductions	4,808 76
Dog Licenses for County	1,148 20
Cemetery Perpetual Care	2,825 00
	42,633 58
	42,633 58

Carried forward	\$708,193 49
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Brought forward	\$708,193 49
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MISCELLANEOUS

Payment on Tax Titles	25 00
Sale of Tax Possessions	3,155 80
Taxes ('56) on Tax Possessions	54 30
Sale of Town owned Land	2,000 00
Taxes ('56) on Town Land Sold	43 00
Sale of Cemetery Truck	50 00
Cemetery Sale of Lots Fund	1,000 00
Town of Manchester, Lien '55 Taxes	672 00
Town of Manchester, Lien '56 Taxes	623 50
Old Age Assist. Recovery	3,778 54
Tailings	41 18
Temporary Loan	50,000 00
	61,443 32
	61,443 32
Total Receipts 1956	\$769,636 81

EXPENDITURES

SELECTMEN

Salaries and Wages:

Lawrence Lamson,	\$434 40
Lawrence R. Stone	370 60
Everett F. Haley	345 00
Elizabeth Clock, Secretary	836 80
Frank W. Buzzell, Bldg. Insp.	375 00
Hugh MacDonald, Dog Officer	150 00
Thomas Robinson, Elec. Insp.	53 00
Misc. Clerical Work	768 00
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	3,332 80

Expenses:

Printing, Postage, Supplies	417 23
Printing By-laws	138 42
Publishing By-laws	483 75
Publishing Sale of Land	43 00
Documentary Stamps	13 90
Typewriter Service	14 70
Association Dues, Expenses	56 72
Attending Hearings, Conferences	84 72
Law Books	60 00
Street Signs	115 00
Traffic Signs	197 53
Surveying	299 50
Perambulating Bounds	157 50
Confining Dogs	104 00
Adv. Appeal Board Hearings	53 48
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	2,239 45
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	5,572 25

ACCOUNTING

Salary:

Francis H. Whipple, Acct.	4,000 00
	4,000 00

Expenses:

Supplies, Forms, Postage	250 12
Association Dues, Expenses	49 40
	—————
	299 52
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	4,299 52

TREASURY

Salary:

Walfred B. Sellman, Treas.	1,600 00
	1,600 00

Carried forward

\$9,871 77

Brought forward	\$9,871 77
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Expenses:

Surety Bond	166 80
Check Protector	224 50
Burglary Insurance	35 00
Recording Fees	19 05
Certification of Note	2 00
Association Dues	2 00
Supplies, Forms, Postage	174 71
Typing	28 50
	652 56
	—————
	2,252 56

COLLECTOR

Salary:

Bertha L. Crowell, Collector	1,800 00
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	1,800 00

Expenses:

Printing, Postage, Supplies	546 10
Surety Bond	177 80
Burglary Insurance	35 00
Deputy Collector's Bond	5 00
Deputy Collector's Fees	14 00
Clerical Assistance	50 00
Advertising	15 75
Association Dues	2 00
	—————
	845 65
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	2,645 65

ASSESSORS

Wages:

Robert H. Chittick	720 00
Elmo O. Adams	1,150 00
Arthur L. Bennett	340 00
Bertha L. Crowell, Clerical	252 00
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	2,462 00

Expenses:

Postage, Forms, Supplies	122 42
Abstracts	126 94
Transportation	160 00
Association Dues, Expenses	26 50
Typewriter Service, Repairs	47 20
Adding Machine	40 00
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	523 06
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	2,985 06

Carried forward	\$17,755 04
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Brought forward	\$17,755 04
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LAW

Salary:

Standish Bradford, Counsel	800 00
	800 00

Expenses:

Telephone, Office Expenses	18 92
Sheriff's Fees	5 50
	24 42
	824 42

TOWN CLERK

Salary:

Francis H. Whipple, Town Clerk	1,000 00
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Expenses:

Postage, Supplies, Tel.	198 29
Association Dues, Expenses	50 10
Abstracts and Recordings	78 00
Surety Bond	5 00
Typewriter Service	14 70
Express	2 04
	348 13
	1,348 13

ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

Salaries and Wages:

Frank W. Buzzell, Registrar	60 00
Jessie Cunningham, Registrar	60 00
George Morrow, Registrar	60 00
Francis H. Whipple, Registrar	60 00
Bernard A. Cullen, Listing	453 00
	693 00

Expenses:

Election Officers	627 00
Janitor Service (School)	67 50
Police Officers	66 00
Labor	36 00
Printing, Supplies	745 99
Stenographic, Clerical	80 00
Telephone	17 00
Food	165 63
	1,805 12
	2,498 12

Carried forward	\$22,425 71
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Brought forward	\$22,425 71
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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Expenses:

Association Dues	15 00	15 00	15 00
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PLANNING BOARD

Expenses:

Printing	3 60	15 20	15 20
Recording Fee	11 60	—————	—————
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TOWN HALL

Salary:

Lester F. Stanley, Janitor	3,000 00	3,000 00
	—————	—————

Expenses:

Fuel	870 74	2,383 02
Electric Current	425 10	
Janitor's Supplies	136 23	
Telephone	331 80	
Maintenance and Repairs	498 95	
Christmas Decorations	25 00	
Water Rates	25 00	
Seed, Flowers, Fertilizer	55 20	
Tuning Pianos	15 00	
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Painting and Repairs:

Advertising for Bids	4 69	2,370 16
Painting	1,985 47	—————
Plastering	380 00	7,753 18
	—————	

POLICE

Salaries and Wages:

Edward H. Frederick, Chief	3,720 00	—————
Robert W. Poole	2,857 20	—————
Lester D. Charles	930 00	—————
Carried forward	\$30,209 09	

Brought forward		\$30,209 09
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Frederick R. Johnson	940 80	
Ray M. Sanford, Jr.	931 20	
Orman J. Richards	786 00	
Clarence N. Trepanier	617 00	
Other Officers	490 80	

	11,273 00	

Expenses:

Rent	360 00	
Telephone	297 55	
Cruiser Expense	1,267 97	
Maintenance of Radio	135 00	
Supplies and Equipment	182 06	
Electric Current	34 52	
Heating Oil	83 44	
Photographs	12 00	
Cruiser Insurance	57 63	
Uniforms	311 05	
Automobile Allowance	150 00	

Cruiser Purchase (1955 Appropriation)	2,891 22	
W. S. Darley - Stretcher	164 00	

	164 00	

	14,328 22	

FIRE

Salaries and Wages:

A. M. Cummings, Care of Equipment	400 00	
Rudolph H. Haraden, Clerk	100 00	
Winslow B. Dodge, Janitor	200 00	
Call Firemen	2,097 75	

	2,797 75	

Expenses:

Fuel	315 75	
Electric Current	76 81	
Water Rates	25 00	
Equipment and Supplies	307 94	
Telephone	224 40	
Truck Expense	741 06	
Insurance on Trucks	465 46	
New Hose	276 50	

	2,432 92	

Carried forward		5,230 67

		\$49,767 98

Brought forward	\$49,767 98
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MOTH

Salaries and Wages:

Rudolph H. Haraden, Supt.	2,150 00
Winslow B. Dodge	850 00
Donald P. Johnson	336 00
Donald G. Haraden	5 00
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	3,341 00

Expenses:

Truck Expense	198 72
Truck Insurance	48 50
Liability Insurance	25 42
Insecticides	243 45
Telephone	46 00
	—————
	562 09
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	3,903 09

MOTH PRIVATE PROPERTY

Expenses:

Insecticides	228 00
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	228 00
	—————
	228 00

TREE WARDEN

Salary and Wages:

Rudolph H. Haraden, Warden	1,410 00
Winslow B. Dodge	1,569 44
Donald P. Johnson	690 00
John Sinkiewicz	10 00
	—————
	3,679 44

Expenses:

Truck Expense	7 18
Tools and Supplies	67 95
Equipment and Repairs	58 93
Association Dues, Expenses	8 00
Telephone	4 25
	—————
	146 31

Planting Trees:

Purchase of Trees	180 00
Fertilizer	16 70
	—————
	196 70

Pruning Elms:

Dodge Associates	1,498 38
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	1,498 38

Carried forward

\$53,899 07

Brought forward		\$53,899 07
Saw Purchase:		
Saw and Generator	449 09	
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	449 09	
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		5,969 92
FOREST WARDEN		
Salaries and Wages:		
A. Merrill Cummings, Warden	40 00	
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		40 00
SEALER OF WEIGHTS and MEASURES		
Salary:		
Erving O. Maxwell, Sealer	230 00	
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	230 00	
Expenses:		
Transportation	72 00	
Supplies	26 15	
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	98 15	
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		328 15
CIVIL DEFENSE		
Expenses:		
Auxiliary Police Supplies	59 70	
Directors Expenses	140 85	
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	200 55	
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		200 55
Mosquito CONTROL		
Expenses:		
Aerial Spraying	930 00	
Insecticides	225 00	
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	1,155 00	
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		1,155 00
HEALTH		
Salaries and Wages:		
Everett F. Haley	60 00	
Lawrence R. Stone	30 00	
Lawrence Lamson	30 00	
Francis H. Whipple, Clerk	60 00	
Ernest M. Barker, Milk Insp.	75 00	
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	255 00	
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Carried forward		\$61,592 69

Brought forward	\$61,592 69
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Expenses:

Polio Clinics	508 17
Rent of Dumps	365 00
Sewage Inspections	350 00
Patients at Essex Sanatorium	140 50
Transporting Patients	55 00
Supplies	4 32
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	1,422 99
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	1,677 99

GARBAGE AND REFUSE DISPOSAL

Wages:

James Dratus	3,036 00
Herbert Tobyne	2,858 25
Walter Cheever	1,165 26
Harold Morgan	1,103 00
Ralph Keith	958 50
John Rice	543 00
Donald Maidment	552 50
Robert Mc Rae	536 25
Earl Henderson	477 00
Amos Fuller, Jr.	261 00
Other Wages	73 00
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	11,563.76

Expenses:

Maintenance of Trucks	610 75
Gasoline and Oil	681 30
Truck Insurance	129 25
Equipment and Supplies	61 90
Bulldozer Hire	220 00
Pipe	34 74
Gravel	12 00
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	1,749 94
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	13,313 70

DENTAL CLINIC

Expenses:

Dr. John King, Dentist	3,270 00
Florence Stobbart, Nurse	200 00
Insurance	17 10
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	3,487 10
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Carried forward	\$80,071.48

Brought forward	\$80,071 48
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ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Expenses:

Ernest M. Barker, Inspector	90 00
Transportation	50 00
	140 00
	140 00

MAINTENANCE OF ESSEX SANATORIUM

County Treasurer	7,917 52
	7,917 52
	7,917 52

HIGHWAYS

Salaries and Wages:

Charles F. Poole, Surveyor	3,560 00
Lewis K. Pierce	3,123 60
Robert A. Tucker	2,574 80
Frank E. Manthorn	2,578 20
Alden L. Southwick	2,528 20
Frank C. Back	2,533 20
Herbert E. Harraden	2,396 30
Archie L. Moore	2,553 20
Other Wages	192 22
	22,039 72

Expenses:

Gas, Oil, Truck Expense	2,649 73
Surveying, Engineering	76 00
Tools, Supplies, Equipment	434 80
Patching Material	1,362 63
Road Oil	266 89
Sand, Stone, Loam	151 15
Lumber	326 33
Chloride	27 02
Pipe	127 01
Repair Garage Doors	116 75
Heating Oil	39 16
Grader Hire	180 00
Loader Hire	52 00
Sand Spreader Hire	60 00
Back Hoe Hire	286 00
Truck Hire	20 00
Catch Basin Brick	194 04
Fence Posts	49 70

6,419 21

28,458 93

Carried forward

\$116,587 93

Brought forward	\$116,587 93
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GRAVEL ROADS

Road Oil	1,381 54
Sand, Gravel, Stone, Loam	1,115 01
Catch Basin Brick	351 32
Gasoline for Trucks	127 00
Pipe	295 03
Surveying and Engineering	183 00
Loader Hire	52 00
Roller Hire	368 00
Grader Hire	780 00
Sander Hire	165 00
Truck Hire	182 00
	4,999 90
	4,999 90

SIDEWALKS

Hot Top Material	610 03
Gravel, Loam	168 90
	778 93
	778 93

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Road Oil	468 30
Stone	555 66
Patching Material	176 40
Truck Hire	80 00
Roller Hire	100 00
Loader Hire	104 00
	1,484 36
	1,484 36

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION

Martin, Mailet, Contractor	8,507 01
Fence Posts	11 52
	8,518 53
	8,518 53

GARAGE HEATING SYSTEM

Concrete Blocks	109 46
Carpentry Work	68 85
Heating Unit	741 69
	920 00
	920 00
Carried forward	\$133,289 65

Brought forward	\$133,289 65
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SNOW REMOVAL and SANDING

Wages:

Lewis K. Pierce	323 94
Robert A. Tucker	69 72
Frank E. Manthorn	262 73
Alden L. Southwick	188 51
Herbert E. Harraden	179 33
Archie L. Moore	52 82
Other Wages	2,809 65
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	3,886 70

Expenses:

Maint., Operation of Trucks	874 05
Equipment and Repairs	442 84
Loader Hire	2,200 50
Snow Plow Hire	2,174 50
Sand Truck Hire	539 00
Truck Hire	1,659 75
Bulldozer Hire	135 00
Snow Fence	80 80
Salt	753 32
Sand	340 56
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	9,200 32
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	13,087 02

STREET LIGHTING

Essex County Electric Co.	10,104 01
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	10,104 01
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PUBLIC WELFARE

Salaries and Wages:

Lawrence R. Stone	53 12
Everett F. Haley	30 00
Lawrence Lamson	36 88
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	120 00

Expenses:

Cash Grants	3,788 26
Medical Care	955 35
Food	52 44
Board and Care of Children	524 40
Other Towns and Cities	304 00
Office Expenses	10 50
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	5,634 95
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	5,754 95

Carried forward	
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	\$162,235 63
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Brought forward	\$162,235 63
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DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Town Funds:	
Assistance Payments	3,448 86
Federal Funds:	
Assistance Payments	1,072 18
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	4,521 04
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AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Town Funds:	
Assistance Payments	4,471 34
Federal Funds:	
Assistance Payments	3,257 47
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	7,728 81
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OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Town Funds	
Assistance Payments	22,485 45
Other Cities and Towns	1,089 71
Federal Funds	
Assistance Payments	17,065 13
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	40,640 29
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	40,640 29

OLD AGE ADMINISTRATION

Town Funds	
Bernard A. Cullen, Agent	1,084 69
Elizabeth Clock, Clerical	163 20
Transportation	63 95
Office Supplies, Postage	93 72
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	1,405 56
Federal Administration	
	545 72
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	1,951 28

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN ADMINISTRATION

Federal Administration	
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VETERANS' BENEFITS

Wages:	
Bernard A. Cullen, Clerical Work	155 00
Francis H. Whipple, Clerical Work	80 00
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	235 00
Carried forward	<hr style="width: 100px; margin-left: 0; border: 0.5px solid black;"/>
	\$217,130 21

Brought forward	\$217,130	21
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Expenses:

Cash Grants	3,866	96
Medical Care	236	64
Fuel	57	00
Office Supplies	11	15
Service Directors' Expenses	20	00
	4,191	75
		4,426 75

SCHOOLS

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Douglas A. Chandler, Supt.	7,900	00
Elizabeth Edmondson, Supt. Sec.	3,600	00
Elizabeth Edmondson, Comm. Clerk	218	71
Office Supplies, Postage	167	66
Superintendent's Travel	522	09
Truant Officer	150	00
School Census	150	00
Association Dues, Expenses	82	17
	12,790	63

EXPENSE OF INSTRUCTION

Salaries and Wages:

Edith Anderson	4,283	28
Wilbur Armstrong	2,866	64
Roma Augustine	1,050	00
Ruth Austen	4,483	28
Margaret Batchelder	4,283	28
Mary Bergman	4,283	28
Doris Blood	2,133	28
Millicent Boswell	4,165	88
Loretta Cantwell	1,066	64
Peter Coffin	5,149	92
Mary D'Arche	1,100	00
Benjamin Draper	1,733	28
Ellen Duffy	4,332	64
Harriet Erskine	3,366	64
Margaret Ferrini	1,350	00
Betty Foster	2,433	28
Doris Foster	3,366	64
Natalie Frederico	4,558	32
Marshall Gero	1,558	36
Esther Goddard	4,183	28

Carried forward	\$221,556	96
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Brought forward		\$221,556 96
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Ruth Harris	3,683	28
Helen Hayes	1,100	00
Nena Hayes	3,648	28
Harold Herber	2,858	28
Janice Herber	1,216	64
William Howart	1,350	00
Jean Howland	3,683	28
Gloria Hussey	3,266	64
Dorothy Jones	4,066	60
Marian Joseph	4,633	32
Elizabeth Kimball	1,066	64
Carolyn Lander	4,066	60
Louise Leach	3,366	64
Rupert Little	1,936	64
Mary Lucey	3,899	92
Carl Martini	5,016	24
Jeanne Mattern	932	00
Ruth McCann	3,366	64
Priscilla McKay	4,133	28
Wilton Moyer	4,391	64
Katherine Nickerson	1,270	00
Jean Nilderer	1,150	00
Nancy Obrien	2,951	28
Linda Reponen	1,083	32
Edith Ross	2,133	28
Mildred Scanlon	4,183	28
Winifred Sheehan	1,066	64
Maud Thomas	2,570	00
Forrest Troop	2,333	28
John Valois	1,933	28
Raymond Wallace	1,266	64
Harriet Watson	3,366	64
Joan Woodbury	2,200	00
Anne Burton, Clerk	600	00
Virginia Love, Clerk	848	60
Madeline Linehan, Cafeteria	225	00
Other Wages	562	40

153,174	12
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Expenses:

Writing Supervisors	700	00
Driver Training	340	27
Music	906	10
Recreation	15	50
Superintendent's Travel	9	70
Books and Supplies, Postage	17	44

Carried forward		\$221,556 96
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Brought forward		\$221,556 96
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Military Retirement	32 52	
Wages	10 14	
Conference Dues, Expenses	244 79	
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		2,276 46

AUXILIARY AGENCIES

School Health		
Dr. Robert Love, Physician	600 00	
Florence Stobbart, Nurse	2,487 50	
Medical Supplies	39 96	
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		3,127 46

Athletics		
Uniforms and Equipment	1,508 83	
Transportation	297 25	
Officials	404 40	
Police	82 50	
Tournament Expenses	6 41	
Conference Expenses	6 50	
League Dues	5 00	
Medical	30 00	
Supplies	53 85	
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		2,394 74

Other Expenses		
Tuition	434 86	
Trade School Transportation	79 08	
Educational Transportation	40 00	
Transportation - School Sessions	10,796 00	
Graduation	135 13	
Library	257 52	
Bus Supervision	205 00	
Telephone - High	572 99	
Telephone - Elementary	166 62	
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		12,687 20

TEXTBOOKS and SUPPLIES

Books — High	2,218 26	
Supplies — High	1,229 88	
Books — Elementary	2,958 46	
Supplies — Elementary	1,762 25	
Shop Supplies	649 97	
Films	10 00	
Music Supplies	210 50	
Testing	357 55	
Subscriptions	30 25	
Domestic Science	38 93	
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		9,466 05

Carried forward		\$221,556 96
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Brought forward	\$221,556 96
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OPERATION OF PLANT

Janitor's Salaries

Hovey Humphrey	3,268 75
Everett Welch	3,359 37
Fred Morris	3,082 25
Vernal Pollard	2,981 93
Bernard Cullen	64 58
	12,756 88

Expenses:

Fuel — High	3,396 48
Electric Current — High	1,930 20
Domestic Gas — High	115 82
Water — High	181 00
Janitor's Supplies — High	750 34
Fuel — Elementary	4,524 84
Electric Current — Elementary	1,582 33
Domestic Gas — Elementary	225 80
Water — Elementary	181 00
Janitor's Supplies — Ele.	838 03
Advertising for Fuel Bids	56 87
	13,782 71

MAINTENANCE and REPAIRS

High	5,225 96
Elementary	2,564 50
	7,790 46

OUTLAY — NEW EQUIPMENT

High	2,036 50
Elementary	1,053 16
	3,089 66

VOCATIONAL

City of Beverly	410 50
City of Lynn	15 00
Town of Manchester	24 30
City of Salem	11 40
	461 20
	233,797 57
Carried forward	\$455,354 53

Brought forward	\$455,354 53
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SCHOOL REVOLVING ACCOUNTS
ATHLETICS

Equipment and Supplies	43 66	
Transportation	124 05	
Insurance	46 00	
Cleaning	70 76	
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		284 47
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		284 47

CAFETERIA

Salaries and Wages:

Margaret Back	1,390 00	
Loretta Tremblay	1,390 00	
Marybelle Dolliver	1,099 00	
Lois Piotrowski	1,051 00	
Marguerite Brumby	962 00	
Nellie Knowlton	859 00	
Sadie Walker	520 60	
Vivian Gilbride	33 60	
Margaret Linehan	5 00	
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		7,310 20

Expenses:

Groceries and Provisions	21,775 07	
Commodity Service Charge	109 10	
Trucking Commodities	124 47	
Supplies	261 61	
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		22,270 25
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		29,580 45

PURCHASE TWO ROOM ADDITION NO. 1

To CUTLER SCHOOL

New England Development Co.	45,000 00	
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		45,000 00
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		45,000 00

TWO ROOM ADDITION NO 2

To CUTLER SCHOOL

Ames Shovel Co. — Contract	32,760 00	
Furniture and Equipment	3,270.82	
Hot Top Drive	910 00	
Advertising for Bids	87 50	
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		37,028 32
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		37,028 32

Carried forward

\$567,247 77

Brought forward	\$567,247 77
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**SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE
TO BUILD ADDITION NO. 2**

To CUTLER SCHOOL

Plans and Specifications	800 00	
Advertising for Bids	83 30	
Printing and Postage	19 39	
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		902 69

SCHOOL BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE

Printing	130 00	
Delivering Reports	36 00	
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		166 00
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		166 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Salaries and Wages:		
Louise Brown	940 07	
Cynthia Wiggins	425 36	
Other Wages	106 50	
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		1,471 93

Expenses:		
Books and Periodicals	1,833 75	
Rent of Branch Library	800 00	
Electric Current	40 13	
Fuel	15 72	
Janitor Service	8 00	
Supplies	95 38	
Association Dues, Expenses	11 00	
Repairs	4 24	
Alterations at Lamson School	998 75	
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		3,806 97
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		5,278 90

PARKS and PLAYGROUNDS

Salaries and Wages:		
Henry Stelline, Supt.	3,000 00	
Reva Hopkins, Clerk	75 00	
Clarence Trapanier	971 00	
Charles Palm	389 38	
Other Wages	838 14	
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		5,273 52
Carried forward		<hr/>
		\$573,595 36

Brought forward		\$573,595 36
Instructor's Salaries		
Robert Mac Donald	360 00	
Marjorie Ricker	270 00	
Freda Colwell	180 00	
Janet Smerage	60 00	
	870 00	
Expenses:		
Playground Supplies, Equip.	245 06	
Repairs and Sharpen Mower	102 55	
Loam and Gravel	139 50	
Building Materials	101 58	
Maint. of Truck and Tractor	510 61	
Electric Current	86 66	
Water Rates	81 90	
Fuel	57 00	
Electrical Work	93 00	
Mower Rental	6 00	
Loader Hire	28 00	
Supplies and Equipment	784 01	
	2,235 87	
Truck Purchase		
Hamilton - Wenham Garage	750 00	
	750 00	
	9,129 39	
VETERANS QUARTERS		
Electric Current	295 80	
Heating Oil	644 35	
Water Rates	25 00	
Building Repairs	34 85	
	1,000 00	
	1,000 00	
PARKING AREA		
Labor	66 25	
Bulldozer Hire	116 00	
Gravel	106 20	
Stone Dust	41 22	
Chloride	31 59	
	361 26	
	361 26	
Carried forward		\$584,086 01

Brought forward	\$584,086 01
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MEMORIAL DAY

Lee's Band	225 00	
Lotitos' Band	200 00	
Flowers	122 00	
Flags	32 00	
Refreshments	332 27	
Postage, Printing	34 83	
	647 10	
		647 10

TOWN REPORTS

Newcomb & Gauss, Printing	1,749 00	
	1,749 00	
		1,749 00

TOWN CLOCK

Winding Clock	100 00	
	100 00	
		100 00

INSURANCE

Blanket Fire Insurance	3,864 50	
Workmen's Compensation	2,599 22	
Boiler	140 43	
	6,604 15	
		6,604 15

RETIREMENT FUND

Essex County Retirement Board	5,753 65	
	5,753 65	
		5,753 65

COVERING LAMSON SCHOOL WINDOWS

Plyscore	282 88	
Labor	217 12	
	500 00	
		500 00

WATER DEPARTMENT

Salaries and Wages:		
Raymond A. Whipple, Supt.	3,560 00	
Charles Dolliver, Asst. Supt.	3,000 00	
Paul S. Tucker	2,800 00	
Alexina Morrow, Clerk	900 00	
	10,260 00	
Carried forward		\$599,439 91

Brought forward	\$599,439 91
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Expenses:

Electric Current	2,875 04
Pipes and Fittings	3,728 71
Meters	4,289 50
Meter Repairs	578 68
Tools and Equipment	345 77
Supplies	228 09
Maintenance of Trucks	584 13
Heating Oil	191 56
Repairs	108 60
Topping Mains	25 00
Trench Digger Hire	724 00
Telephone, Office Expense	408 95
Express	24 09
Association Dues	8 00
Liability Insurance	32 13
Advertising for Bids	38 50
Flouridine Crystals	69 00
Labor	15 00
	14,274 75
	24,534 75

EXTENSION OF WATER MAINS

Pipe and Fittings	5,205 06
Trench Digger Hire	743 00
Bulldozer Hire	267 50
Grader Hire	200 00
Supplies	2 75
Labor	245 00
	6,483 31
	6,483 31

WATER FLUORIDATION

Fluoridation Equipment	1,840 02
Fluoridation Crystals	109 98
	1,950 00
	1,950 00

WATER—TESTING WELLS

D. L. Maher Co.—Test Wells.	5,388 83
Analyzing Water	42 50
Labor	18 00
	5,449 33
	5,449 33

Carried forward	\$637,857 30
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Brought forward	\$637,857 30
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WELLS—MAINS—PUMPING EQUIPMENT

Pipe and Fittings	1,771 05	
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		1,771 05
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		1,771 05

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Salaries and Wages:

Philip Plummer, Supt.	3,000 00
John T. Walke, Clerk	200 00
Salaries of Commissioners	75 00
Other Wages	990 00
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	4,265 00

Expenses:

Equipment and Repairs	195 46
Supplies	39 66
Printing, Office Expense	106 04
Water Rates	20 00
Truck, Mower Expense	204 88
Gravel	48 00
Flowers	26 00
Tractor Hire	7 50
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	647 54

Truck Purchase

Fleming-Griffin, Inc.	2,187 50	
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	2,187 50	
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		7,100 04

SPECIAL CEMETERY IMPROVEMENTS

Bulldozer Hire	90 00	
Tractor Hire	7 50	
Fertilizer	51 00	
Building Alterations	503 46	
Labor	95 00	
Seed	78 75	
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	825 71	
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		825 71

INTEREST

Water Bonds '39 Installation	156 25	
Water Bonds '47 Reservoir & Wells	175 00	
Water Bonds '47 Laying Mains	825 00	
Water Bonds '51 Pump Hose	37 50	
School Bonds '52 Construction	9,712 00	
Anticipation of Revenue Loan	442 25	
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	11,348 00	
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Carried forward	\$658,902 10	

Brought forward	\$658,902 10
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MATURING DEBT

Water Bonds, '39 Installations	5,000 00
Water Bonds, '47 Reservoir & Wells	2,000 00
Water Bonds, '47 Laying Mains	8,000 00
Water Bonds, '51 Pump House	3,000 00
School Bonds, '52 Construction	40,000 00
	58,000 00
	58,000 00

AGENCY

Withholding Tax	33,851 62
Retirement Deductions	4,808 76
Dog Licenses for County	1,148 20
	39,808 58
	39,808 58

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Cemetery Endowments	2,675 00
Cemetery Sale of Lots & Graves	735 00
	3,410 00
	3,410 00

MISCELLANEOUS

County Tax	18,782 23
State Audit	631 50
State Parks	1,151 17
Temporary Loan	50,000 00
	70,564 90
	70,564 90

REFUNDS

1955 Taxes	98 80
1956 Taxes	1,150 10
Motor Vehicle Excise	1,290 15
Water Rates	40 70
Interest	12 66
	2,592 41
	2,592 41

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 1956	833,277 99
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TRANSFERS

*By Special Town Meeting Jan. 4, 1956**From**To*

Excess and Deficiency		
" " "	Purchase School Unit #1	\$45,000 00
" " "	School Bldg. Comm.	1,500 00

Water Dept.—Test Wells 2,500 00

*By Annual Town Meeting**From**To*

Excess and Deficiency		
" " "	Add. #2, Cutler School	45,000 00

Revenue 10,000 00

*By Special Town Meeting July 16, 1956**From**To*

Excess and Deficiency	Bldg. Comm. New Ele.	
" " "	School	5,000 00
" " "	Water Dept.—Test Wells	4,000 00
" " "	Snow Removal	6,000 00
" " "	Lamson School Windows	500 00
" " "	Mosquito Spraying	1,200 00
Cemetery Sale of Lots Fund	Cemetery Improvements	1,000 00

*By Finance Committee**From**To*

Reserve Fund	Cemetery Truck Purchase	\$1,187 50
" "	School Operation of Plant	1,000 00
" "	Interest	98 00
" "	Veterans' Benefits	426 75
" "	Public Welfare	634 95
" "	Snow Removal	587 02
" "	Library Alterations	998 75

RECAPITULATION OF DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS AND EXPENDITURES—1956

<i>Appropriation Account</i>	<i>Balance 1/1/56</i>	<i>Appropriated by Town Meeting & Refunds</i>	<i>Transfers & Refunds</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance 12/31/56</i>
Selectmen	5,990.00		15.00 R	5,572.25	432.75
Accounting	4,300.00			4,299.52	.48
Treasury	2,300.00			2,252.56	47.44
Collector	2,650.00			2,645.65	4.35
Assessors		2,500.00		2,462.00	38.00
		560.00		523.06	36.94
Law	1,000.00			824.42	175.58
Town Clerk	1,350.00			1,348.13	1.87
Election & Registration	2,500.00			2,498.12	1.88
Finance Committee	20.00			15.00	5.00
Planning Board	500.00			15.20	484.80
Town Hall		3,000.00		3,000.00	
Salary		2,500.00		2,383.02	116.98
Expenses		3,000.00		2,370.16	629.84
Painting & Repairs					
Police					
Salary & Wages	11,665.00			11,273.00	392.00
Expenses	2,900.00			2,891.22	8.78
Cruiser Purchase					185.00
				349.81	

<i>Appropriation Account</i>		<i>Balance 1/1/56</i>	<i>Appropriated by Town Meeting</i>	<i>Transfers & Refunds</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance 12/31/56</i>
Fire	Salaries & Wages Expenses	\$2,800.00 \$2,500.00			\$2,797.75 \$2,432.92	2.25 67.08
Moth	Supt. Salary Wages Expenses	\$2,150.00 1,370.00 600.00			\$2,150.00 1,191.00 562.09	179.00 37.91
Moth	Private Property Tree Warden	300.00			228.00	72.00
Sealer	Salary Wages Expenses	\$1,410.00 \$2,500.00 160.00			\$1,410.00 \$2,269.44 146.31	230.56 13.69
Planting	Planting Trees Pruning Elms Saw Purchase	200.00 1,500.00 460.00			196.70 1,498.38 449.09	3.30 1.62 10.91
Forest	Warden Salary Sealer Salary & Expenses Civil Defense	40.00 330.00 410.70			40.00 328.15 200.55	1.85 210.15
Mosquito	Spraying	1,200.00			1,155.00	45.00
Health	Salaries & Expenses Garbage & Refuse Disposal Wages Expenses				1,677.99 11,563.76 1,750.00	77.01 101.24 .06

<i>Appropriation Account</i>	<i>Balance 1/1/56</i>	<i>Appropriated by Town Meeting</i>	<i>Transfers & Refunds</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance 12/31/56</i>
Dental Clinic	3,500.00			3,487.10	12.90
Animal Inspector	140.00			140.00	
Highways					
Surveyors Salary	3,560.00				
Wages	18,483.00				
Expenses	6,445.00				
Sidewalks	800.00				
Gravel Roads	5,000.00				
Chap. 90 Maintenance	1,000.00				
Chap. 90 Construction	250.00				
Snow Removal & Sanding	8,210.02				
Garage Heating System	12,500.00				
Street Lighting	920.00				
Public Welfare	10,300.00				
Disability Assistance	5,120.00				
Aid to Dep. Children	634.95	T			
Old Age Assistance	3,500.00				
Old Age Administration	4,500.00				
Veterans' Benefits	24,000.00				
	2,000.00				
	4,000.00				
	426.75	R			
	4,426.75				

<i>Appropriation Account</i>		<i>Balance 1/1/56</i>	<i>Appropriated by Town Meeting</i>	<i>Transfers & Refunds</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance 12/31/56</i>
School						
General Expense		12,850.00			12,790.63	59.37
Expense of Instruction		155,893.00			155,450.58	442.42
Auxiliary Agencies		18,827.00			18,209.40	617.60
Textbooks & Supplies		9,990.00			9,466.05	523.95
Operation of Plant		25,600.00		1,000.00 T	26,539.59	60.41
Maintenance of Plant		7,817.00			7,790.46	26.54
Outlay (New Equipment)		3,160.00			3,089.66	70.34
Vocational		1,150.00			461.20	688.80
Purchase Add. to Ele. School		45,000.00			45,000.00	
Add. to Cutler School No. 2		45,000.00			37,028.32	7,971.68
School Bldg. Comm. Ele. Add.		1,500.00			902.69	597.31
School Bldg. Comm. New Ele. School		5,000.00				5,000.00
Public Library						
Salaries & Wages		1,700.00			1,471.93	228.07
Expenses		2,810.00		998.75 T	3,806.97	1.78
Parks and Playgrounds						
Supt. Salary		3,000.00			3,000.00	
Labor		2,200.00			2,198.52	1.48
Instructors Salaries & Clerk		945.00			945.00	14.13
Expenses		2,250.00			2,235.87	
Truck Purchase					750.00	
Veterans' Quarters					1,000.00	
Memorial Day					700.00	
					647.10	52.90

<i>Appropriation Account</i>	<i>Balance 1/1/56</i>	<i>Appropriated by Town Meeting</i>	<i>Transfers & Refunds</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>Balance 12/31/56</i>
Town Reports		1,822.00		1,749.00	73.00
Town Clock		100.00		100.00	
Insurance		6,800.00		6,604.15	195.55
Retirement Fund		5,753.65		5,753.65	
Reserve Fund		5,000.00	4,932.97 T	67.03	
School Bldg. Needs Comm.		500.00		166.00	336.39
Parking Area		400.00		361.26	38.74
Lamson School Windows		500.00		500.00	
Water Department					
Salaries		10,260.00		10,260.00	
Expenses		14,275.00		14,274.75	.25
Extension of Mains		6,500.00		6,483.31	16.69
Fluoridation				1,950.00	
Testing Wells		1,950.00		5,449.33	50.67
Wells-Mains-Pump Equip.		5,500.00		1,771.05	2,228.95
Cemetery					
Salaries		3,275.00		3,275.00	
Labor & Expenses		900.00	737.54 T	1,637.54	
Improvements			1,000.00 T	825.71	
Truck Purchase			1,187.50	2,187.50	
Interest		11,250.00	98.00 T	11,348.00	
Maturing Debt		58,000.00		58,000.00	

TRUST FUNDS

DR. JUSTIN ALLEN LIBRARY FUND

Savings Bank deposits January 1, 1956	\$669 28
Interest added during 1956	21 07
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Savings Bank deposits December 31, 1956	\$690 35

H. AUGUSTA DODGE LIBRARY FUND

Savings Bank deposits January 1, 1956	\$1,343 63
Interest added during 1956	42 30
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Savings Bank deposits December 31, 1956	\$1,385 93

MAXWELL NORMAN FUND

Savings Bank deposits January 1, 1956	\$579 15
Interest added during 1956	18 97
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Savings Bank deposits December 31, 1956	\$598 12

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

Savings Bank deposits January 1, 1956	\$29,048 54
Interest added during 1956	968 00
Bequests added to savings deposits during 1956	2,675 00
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Transferred to Town for care of lots	\$32,691 54
	555 00
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Savings Bank deposits December 31, 1956	\$32,136 54
Cash in General Treasury December 31, 1956	150 00
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Savings Bank deposits & Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1956	\$32,286 54

CEMETERY SALE OF LOTS AND GRAVES FUND

Savings Bank Deposits January 1, 1956	\$11,870 81
Receipts added to Bank deposits 1956	735 00
Interest added during 1956	373 83
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Withdrawn for Cemetery purposes	\$12,979 64
	1,000 00
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Savings Bank deposits December 31, 1956	\$11,979 64
Cash in General Treasury December 31, 1956	220 00
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Savings Bank deposits & Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1956	\$12,199 64

TOWN OF HAMILTON

Balance Sheet December 31, 1956

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash :		
General,		\$181,073.71
Accounts Receivable :		
Taxes :		
Levy of 1955 :		
Real Estate,		\$708.54
Levy of 1956 :		
Poll,		2.00
Personal Property,		867.96
Real Estate,		8,051.11
		9,629.61
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise :		
Levy of 1956,		7,874.52
Special Assessment :		
Moth—Levy of 1955,		3.20
Tax Titles,		497.10
Departmental :		
Health,		\$110.00
Aid to Dependent Children,		936.24
Old Age Assistance—Cities and Towns,		111.43
School,		680.00
Cemetery,		88.00
		1,925.67
Water :		
Liens Added to Taxes :		
Levy of 1956,		\$70.50
Rates,		4,427.83
Services,		222.73
		4,721.06
Aid to Highways :		
State,		\$844.52
County,		491.98
		1,336.50
Loans Authorized :		
Water,		112,000.00

Unprovided for or Overdrawn Accounts:

Underestimates 1956 Assessments:

State Recreation Areas,	\$477.95
County Tuberculosis Hospital,	1,569.75
	2,047.70

Overlay Deficits:

Levy of 1956,	102.38
	321,211.45

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Tailings:

Unclaimed Checks,	\$41.18
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Gifts and Bequests:

Cemetery Perpetual Care,	150.00
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Trust Fund Income:

Cemetery Perpetual Care,	441.62
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Recoveries:

Old Age Assistance,	3,778.54
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Federal Grants:

Disability Assistance:

Administration,	\$90.64
Aid,	3,915.87

Aid to Dependent Children:

Administration,	482.76
Aid,	3,995.98

Old Age Assistance:

Administration,	2,806.19
Assistance,	28,266.74
	39,558.18

Revolving Funds:

School Lunch,	\$1,897.82
School Athletics,	538.18
	2,436.00

Appropriation Balances :

Revenue :

General :

Town Hall Painting and Repairs,	\$629.84
Civilian Defense,	210.15
Cutler School #2 Addition,	7,971.68
School Building Committee—Cutler School,	597.31
School Building Committee—Elementary School,	5,000.00
School Needs Committee,	336.39
Cemetery Improvements,	500.68

Water :

Mains, Wells and Pumping Equipment,	2,228.95
	17,475.00

Loans Authorized and Unissued,	112,000.00
Overestimate 1956 :	
County Tax,	331.59
Sale of Real Estate Fund,	3,225.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund,	220.00
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus,	10,261.92
Overlays Reserved for Abatements.	
Levy of 1955,	708.54

Revenue Reserved Until Collected :

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise,	\$7,874.52
Special Assessment,	3.20
Tax Title,	497.10
Departmental,	1,925.67
Water,	4,721.06
Aid to Highway,	1,336.50
	16,358.05

Surplus Revenue :

General,	114,225.83
	\$321,211.45

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:

Inside Debt Limit:	
General,	\$195,000.00
Outside Debt Limit:	
General,	392,000.00
Public Service Enterprise,	69,000.00
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	\$656,000.00
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Serial Loans:

Inside Debt Limit:	
General :	
School,	\$195,000.00
Outside Debt Limit:	
General :	
School,	392,000.00
Public Service Enterprise :	
Water,	69,000.00
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	\$656,000.00
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TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:

Cash and Securities:	
In Custody of Treasurer,	\$46,790.58
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In Custody of Treasurer,	\$46,790.58
Library Funds:	
Dr. Justin Allen Fund,	\$690.35
H. Augusta Dodge Fund,	1,385.93
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	\$2,076.28

Cemetery Funds:

Maxwell Norman Fund,	\$598.12
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds,	32,136.54
Cemetery Sale of Lots and Graves Fund,	11,979.64
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	44,714.30
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	\$46,790.58

TOWN OF HAMILTON
BONDED INDEBTEDNESS
December 31, 1956

Date of Maturity	Water Supply Bonds 1 1/4%, Issued 7-1-39	Water Bonds 1 1/4%, Issued 10-1-47	Water Bonds 1 1/2%, Issued 11-1-47	Water Bonds, Laying Mains, 1 1/2%, Issued 11-1-47	Total
1957	5,000 00			2,000 00	5,000 00
1958	5,000 00			2,000 00	5,000 00
1959				2,000 00	5,000 00
1960				2,000 00	5,000 00
1961				2,000 00	5,000 00
1962				2,000 00	5,000 00
1963				2,000 00	5,000 00
1964				2,000 00	5,000 00
1965				2,000 00	5,000 00
1966				2,000 00	5,000 00
1967				2,000 00	5,000 00
1968				2,000 00	5,000 00
1969				2,000 00	5,000 00
1970				2,000 00	5,000 00
1971				2,000 00	5,000 00
	10,000 00	12,000 00	47,000 00	587,000 00	656,000 00

STATEMENT OF TAX RATE, VALUATION (REAL AND PERSONAL) AND TAX LEVY FOR THE YEARS

1920 TO 1956

Year	Tax Rate	Valuation	Tax Levy
1920	\$16.00	\$4,250,789.	\$ 67,992.62
1921	20.00	4,371,054.	87,421.08
1922	17.00	4,468,116.	75,957.98
1923	21.00	4,784,584.	100,476.43
1924	21.00	5,048,070.	106,009.36
1925	23.80	5,166,948.	122,972.14
1926	24.20	5,370,071.	129,957.01
1927	23.80	5,630,499.	134,005.09
1928	23.40	5,753,574.	134,663.62
1929	22.70	5,711,382.	129,649.54
1930	23.60	5,788,648.	136,613.32
1931	24.70	5,790,487.	143,025.54
1932	23.70	5,852,447.	138,703.59
1933	22.30	5,896,443.	131,490.68
1934	23.80	5,764,536.	137,195.96
1935	28.60	5,725,581.	163,751.62
1936	27.50	5,449,678.	149,866.14
1937	26.70	5,388,069.	143,862.20
1938	25.30	5,487,383.	138,830.79
1939	25.00	5,459,920.	136,498.13
1940	23.80	5,527,226.	131,548.11
1941	23.40	5,593,694.	130,892.44
1942	23.20	5,611,430.	130,185.20
1943	22.00	5,530,325.	121,667.15
1944	22.00	5,550,895.	122,119.69
1945	24.00	5,311,605.	127,478.52
1946	27.00	5,325,260.	143,782.12
1947	31.60	5,706,960.	180,339.95
1948	35.00	5,733,295.	202,644.66
1949	35.00	6,038,280.	212,178.14
1950	38.00	6,323,100.	240,277.80
1951	38.00	6,603,385.	250,928.43
1952	38.00	6,887,205.	261,713.79
1953	42.00	7,377,925.	309,872.85
1954	42.00	8,014,920.	336,626.64
1955	42.00	8,390,985.	352,421.37
1956	43.00	9,073,215.	390,148.38

REPORT *of an* AUDIT

of

THE ACCOUNTS

of the

TOWN *of* HAMILTON

For the year 1956

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Department of Corporations and Taxation

Bureau of Accounts

State House, Boston 33

JOHN DANE, JR.

Commissioner

HERMAN B. DINE

Director of Accounts

February 5, 1957

*To the Board of Selectmen*Mr. Lawrence Lamson, Chairman
Hamilton, Massachusetts

GENTLEMEN:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Hamilton for the year ending December 31, 1956, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,
HERMAN B. DINE,
Director of Accounts.

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Mr. Herman B. Dine
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

SIR:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Hamilton for the year ending December 31, 1956, the following report being submitted thereon:

An examination and verification was made of the recorded financial transactions of the town as shown on the books of the departments receiving or disbursing money or committing bills for collection.

The books and accounts in the office of the town accountant were examined and checked. The receipts as recorded on the ledger were checked with the records of the several departments making payments to the treasurer and with the treasurer's books, while the recorded payments were checked with the treasury warrants issued by the selectmen

and with the treasurer's cash book. The appropriations, transfers, and loan authorizations, as recorded on the ledger, were checked with the town clerk's records of town meetings and with the records of the finance committee. A trial balance was taken off, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town as of December 31, 1956.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The receipts, as recorded on the cash book, were checked with the records in the several departments in which charges originated or in which money was collected for the town, and with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The disbursements were compared with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds and with the town accountant's books.

The cash book was totaled, and the cash balance on January 5, 1957 was verified by reconciliation of the bank accounts with statements furnished by the banks of deposit.

The payments on account of maturing debt and interest were proved by examination of the cancelled bonds and coupons on file and by comparison with the amounts falling due during the period covered by the audit.

The transactions of the trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer were verified. The savings bank books representing the investment of these funds were personally examined and listed.

The records of tax titles held by the town were examined and checked. The amounts transferred from the tax levies to the tax title account were verified, the redemptions as recorded were compared with the treasurer's cash book, and the tax titles on hand were listed and checked with the records at the Registry of Deeds.

The deductions from employees' salaries on account of Federal taxes and the county retirement system were listed and reconciled with the amounts paid to the Director of Internal Revenue and the county treasurer.

The books and accounts in the town collector's office were examined and checked. The tax, excise, assessment, water, and departmental accounts outstanding at the time of the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitments, were audited and compared with the assessors' and departmental warrants. The recorded receipts were checked with the commitment books, the abatements as recorded were checked with the assessors' records of abatements granted, the recorded tax titles were checked with the treasurer's record of tax titles taken, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

The outstanding tax, excise, assessment, departmental, and water accounts were verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The records of licenses and permits issued by the selectmen, the town clerk, and the health department were examined, and the payments to the Division of Fisheries and Game and to the town treasurer were verified.

The surety bonds of the town officials required to file them for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of cash collections by the sealer of weights and measures, building inspector, wire inspector and milk inspector, as well as the school, library and cemetery departments, and by all other departments in which money was collected for the town, were examined and checked. The payments to the town treasurer were verified and the cash on hand was proved by actual count.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing reconciliations of the treasurer's and the collector's cash, summaries of the tax, excise, assessment, tax title, tax possession, departmental, and water accounts, together with schedules showing the condition and transactions of the trust and investment funds.

While engaged in making the audit cooperation was received from all the officials of the town, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ,
Assistant Director of Accounts.

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RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balance January 1, 1956,	\$244,714.89
Receipts,	769,636.81
Payments,	\$833,277.99
Balance December 31, 1956,	181,073.71
Balance January 1, 1957,	\$181,073.71
Receipts January 1 to 5, 1957,	4,359.70
Payments January 1 to 5, 1957,	\$4,509.24
Balance January 5, 1957:	
Beverly Trust Company,	
Beverly,	\$174,299.53
Merchants National Bank of	
Salem,	6,624.64
	180,924.17
	\$ 185,433.41

Beverly Trust Company, Beverly

Balance January 5, 1957, per statement,	\$184,788.36
Deposits in transit January 5, 1957, verified	14,661.88
	\$199,450.24
Balance January 5, 1957, per check book,	\$174,299.53
Outstanding checks January 5, 1957, per list,	25,150.71
	\$199,450.24

Merchants National Bank of Salem

Balance January 5, 1957, per statement,	\$10,372.28
Balance January 5, 1957, per check book,	\$6,624.64
Outstanding checks January 5, 1957, per list,	3,747.64
	\$10,372.28

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

Federal Taxes

Deductions 1956,	\$33,851.62
Payments to Director of Internal Revenue 1956.	\$33,851.62
Deductions January 1 to 5, 1957,	\$132.70
Balance January 5, 1957, per list,	\$132.70

County Retirement System

Deductions 1956,	\$4,808.76
Payments to county treasurer 1956,	\$4,808.76
Deductions January 1 to 5, 1957,	\$48.85
Balance January 5, 1957, per list,	\$48.85

RECONCILIATION OF COLLECTOR'S CASH

Cash balances January 5, 1957, per tables :	
Real estate taxes 1956,	\$297.79
Motor vehicle and trailer excise 1956,	241.04
Water rates,	26.10
Interest on taxes,	3.21
	\$568.14
Cash on hand January 5, 1957, verified,	\$568.14

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES—1955

Outstanding January 1, 1956,	\$800.10
Refunds 1956,	12.60
	\$812.70
Payments to treasurer 1956,	\$766.50
Abatements 1956,	46.20
	\$812.70

REAL ESTATE TAXES—1955

Outstanding January 1, 1956,	\$11,254.45
Refunds,	86.20
Abatements cancelled,	42.00
	\$11,382.65
Payments to treasurer,	\$10,522.91
Abatements,	130.20
Tax titles taken,	21.00
Outstanding December 31, 1956,	708.54
	\$11,382.65
Outstanding January 1, 1957,	\$708.54
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 5, 1957,	\$687.54
Outstanding January 5, 1957, per list,	21.00
	\$708.54

POLL TAXES—1956

Commitment per warrants,	\$2,710.00
Refunds,	2.00
Abatements cancelled,	2.00
	\$2,714.00
Payments to treasurer,	\$2,312.00
Abatements,	400.00
Outstanding December 31, 1956 and January 5, 1957, per list,	2.00
	\$2,714.00

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES—1956

Commitment per warrants,	\$28,301.77
Payments to treasurer,	\$27,224.49
Abatements,	209.32
Outstanding December 31, 1956, and January 5, 1957, per list,	867.96
	\$28,301.77

REAL ESTATE TAXES—1956

Commitment per warrants,	\$361,846.61
Refunds,	1,148.10
	\$362,994.71
Payments to treasurer,	\$343,574.40
Abatements,	11,278.90
Added to tax titles,	90.30
Outstanding December 31, 1956,	8,051.11
	\$362,994.71
Outstanding January 1, 1957,	\$8,051.11
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 5, 1957,	\$723.92
Outstanding January 5, 1957, per list,	7,029.40
Cash balance January 5, 1957,	297.79
	\$8,051.11

MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE—1956

Outstanding January 1, 1956,	\$79.73
Abatements 1956,	\$79.73

MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE—1955

Outstanding January 1, 1956,	\$358.38
Commitment 1956, per warrants,	5,592.87
Refunds 1956,	315.11
Abatements cancelled 1956,	2.00
	\$6,268.36
Payments to treasurer 1956,	\$5,054.43
Abatements 1956,	1,213.93
	\$6,268.36

MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE—1956

Commitment per warrants,	\$56,126.87
Refunds,	975.04
	\$57,101.91
Payments to treasurer,	\$44,924.46
Abatements,	4,302.93
Outstanding December 31, 1956,	7,874.52
	\$57,101.91
Outstanding January 1, 1957,	\$7,874.52
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 5, 1957,	\$1,086.97
Outstanding January 5, 1957, per list,	6,546.51
Cash balance January 5, 1957,	241.04
	\$7,874.52

MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1955

Outstanding January 1, 1956,	\$5.50
Payments to treasurer,	\$2.30
Outstanding December 31, 1956,	3.20
Outstanding December 31, 1956,	\$5.50
	\$3.20
Outstanding January 1, 1957,	\$3.20
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 5, 1957,	\$3.20

MOTH ASSESSMENTS—1956

Commitment 1956, per warrants,	\$860.35
Payments to treasurer 1956,	\$860.35

INTEREST ON TAXES AND EXCISE

Collections 1956:

Taxes:	
1955,	\$252.84
1956,	58.74

Motor vehicle and trailer excise:

1955,	\$7.83	\$311.58
1956,	16.52	
		24.35
		\$335.93

Payments to treasurer 1956,

\$335.93

Collections January 1 to 5, 1957:

Taxes:		
1955,	\$34.99	
1956,	11.31	
		\$46.30
Motor vehicle and trailer excise 1956,	.01	
		\$46.31
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 5, 1957,	\$43.10	
Cash balance January 5, 1957,	3.21	
		\$46.31

TAX TITLES

Balance January 1, 1956,	\$756.38
Tax titles taken:	
Taxes 1955,	\$21.00
Interest and costs,	25.28
	46.28
Added to tax titles:	
Taxes 1956,	90.30
	\$892.96
Tax titles redeemed,	\$25.00
Tax titles foreclosed,	370.86
Balance December 31, 1956 and	
January 5, 1957, per list,	497.10
	\$892.96

TAX POSSESSIONS

Tax titles foreclosed 1956,	\$370.86
Gain on sales of tax possessions,	2,784.94
	\$3,155.80
Sale of tax possessions 1956,	\$3,155.80

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT

Receipts 1956:

Licenses and permits:

Amusement device,	\$60.00
Auctioneer,	5.00
Automobile,	12.00
Common victualler,	12.00
Junk,	10.00
Liquor,	1,425.00
Revolver,	39.00
Sale of firearms,	8.00
Second hand articles,	4.00
Sunday,	22.00
	\$1,597.00
Sale of truck,	50.00
	\$1,647.00
Payments to treasurer 1956,	\$1,647.00

TOWN CLERK

Dog Licenses

Licenses issued 1956:

Male,	246 @ \$2.00,	\$492.00
Female,	49 @ 5.00,	245.00
Spayed female,	121 @ 2.00,	242.00
Kennel,	8 @ 10.00,	80.00
Kennel,	3 @ 25.00,	75.00
Kennel,	2 @ 50.00,	100.00
		\$1,234.00
Payments to treasurer 1956,	\$1,148.20	
Fees retained 1956, 429 @ \$.20,	85.80	
		\$1,234.00

Sporting Licenses

Licenses issued 1956:

Series #1,	61 @ \$3.25,	\$198.25
2,	88 @ 3.25,	286.00
3,	52 @ 5.25,	273.00
4,	15 @ 1.25,	18.75
4A,	9 @ 2.25,	20.25
7,	3 @ 2.75,	8.25
Duplicate	4 @ .50,	2.00
		\$806.50
Payments to Division of Fisheries and Game, 1956,	\$749.50	
Fees retained 1956, 228 @ \$.25,	57.00	
		\$806.50

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Cash balance January 1, 1956,	\$.20
Fees,	79.80
	\$80.00
Payments to treasurer,	\$79.50
Cash balance December 31, 1956,	.50
	\$80.00

Cash balance January 1, 1957,	\$.50
Fees January 1 to 5, 1957,	.50
	\$1.00
Cash balance January 5, 1957,	\$1.00

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Permits issued 1956,	\$162.00
Payments to treasurer,	\$149.00
Cash balance December 31, 1956,	13.00
	\$162.00

Cash balance January 1, 1957,	\$13.00
Cash on hand January 5, 1956, verified,	\$13.00

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

Permits

Permits issued 1956,	\$53.50
Payments to treasurer 1956,	\$53.50

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Charges 1956,	\$650.00
Payments to treasurer,	\$540.00
Outstanding December 31, 1956, and	
January 5, 1957, per list,	110.00
	\$650.00

Miscellaneous Receipts

Receipts 1956:	
Licenses and permits:	
Ice cream,	\$5.00
Sewerage disposal,	350.00
	\$355.00
Payments to treasurer 1956,	\$355.00

MILK INSPECTOR

Permits issued 1956:		
Dealer,	\$6.50	
Store,	9.00	
		\$15.50
Payments to treasurer,	\$15.00	
Cash balance December 31, 1956,	.50	
		\$15.50
Cash balance January 1, 1957,	\$.50	
Permits issued January 1 to 5, 1957:		
Store,	.50	
		\$1.00
Cash on hand January 5, 1957, verified,		\$1.00

DENTAL CLINIC

Receipts 1956,	\$556.00
Payments to treasurer 1956,	\$556.00
Receipts January 1 to 25, 1957,	\$40.00
Cash on hand January 25, 1957, verified,	\$40.00

PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT

General Relief—Accounts Receivable—State

Charges 1956,	\$398.84
Payments to treasurer 1956,	\$398.84

General Relief—Accounts Receivable—Cities and Towns

Charges 1956,	\$1,794.01
Payments to treasurer 1956,	\$1,794.01

Disability Assistance—Accounts Receivable

Charges 1956,	\$2,190.91
Payments to treasurer 1956,	\$2,190.91

PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Aid to Dependent Children—Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1956,	\$714.93
Charges,	2,335.68
	\$3,050.61
Payments to treasurer,	\$2,114.37
Outstanding December 31, 1956 and	
January 5, 1957, per list,	936.24
	\$3,050.61

BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Accounts Receivable—State

Charges 1956,	\$13,852.03
Payments to treasurer 1956,	\$12,650.24
Transferred from old age assistance	
recoveries 1956,	1,201.79
	\$13,852.03

Accounts Receivable—Cities and Towns

Outstanding January 1, 1956,	\$312.90
Charges,	1,119.30
Audit adjustment:	
Charges recorded in error,	.42
	\$1,432.62
Payments to treasurer,	\$1,321.19
Outstanding December 31, 1956, and	
January 5, 1957, per list,	111.43
	\$1,432.62

Recoveries

Balance January 1, 1956,	\$2,842.69
Recoveries,	3,778.54
	\$6,621.23
Transferred to:	
Old age assistance accounts	
receivable—State,	\$1,201.79
Old age assistance—Federal	
Grants,	1,040.00
Estimated receipts,	600.90
	\$2,842.69
Balance December 31, 1956, and	
January 5, 1957, in general	
treasury,	3,778.54
	\$6,621.23

VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT
Accounts Receivable

Charges 1956,	\$953.00
Payments to treasurer 1956,	\$953.00

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1956,	\$90.00
Charges,	1,040.00
Payments to treasurer,	\$450.00
Outstanding December 31, 1956, and	
January 5, 1957, per list,	680.00
	\$1,130.00
	\$1,130.00

Lunch Program

Receipts 1956,	\$29,608.39
Payments to treasurer 1956,	\$29,608.39
Receipts January 1 to 5, 1957,	\$1,547.92
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 5, 1957,	\$1,547.92

Athletic Program

Receipts 1956,	\$762.54
Payments to treasurer 1956,	\$762.54

Miscellaneous Receipts

Receipts 1956:	
Manual training,	\$12.35
Gymnasium rental,	62.50
	\$74.85
Payments to treasurer 1956,	\$74.85

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

Cash balance January 1, 1956,	\$57.64
Receipts,	138.70
Payments to treasurer,	\$195.14
Cash balance December 31, 1956,	1.20
	\$196.34
Cash balance January 1, 1957,	\$1.20
Receipts January 1 to 23, 1957,	6.10
	\$196.34
Cash on hand January 23, 1957, verified,	\$7.30
	\$7.30

WATER LIENS ADDED TO TAXES—1956

Commitment per warrants,	\$636.50
Payments to treasurer,	\$566.00
Outstanding December 31, 1956, and	
January 5, 1957, per list,	70.50
	\$636.50

WATER DEPARTMENT

Rates

Outstanding January 1, 1956,	\$4,251.71
Commitments,	38,103.10
Refunds,	40.70
	\$42,395.51
Payments to treasurer,	\$37,175.08
Abatements,	157.10
Water liens added to taxes 1956,	635.50
Outstanding December 31, 1956,	4,427.83
	\$42,395.51
Outstanding January 1, 1957,	
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 5, 1957,	\$85.50
Outstanding January 5, 1957, per list,	4,316.23
Cash balance January 5, 1957,	26.10
	\$4,427.83

Services

Outstanding January 1, 1956,	\$167.05
Commitments,	1,178.59
	\$1,345.64
Payments to treasurer,	\$1,121.91
Water liens added to taxes 1956,	1.00
Outstanding December 31, 1956, and	
January 5, 1957, per list,	222.73
	\$1,345.64

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1956,	\$91.00
Commitments,	505.00
	\$596.00
Payments to treasurer,	\$470.00
Abatements,	38.00
Outstanding December 31, 1956, and	
January 5, 1957,	88.00
	\$596.00

Miscellaneous Receipts

Receipts 1956:

Perpetual care bequests,	\$2,825.00
Sale of lots and graves,	955.00
Care of lots and graves,	473.00
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Payments to treasurer 1956,	\$4,284.00
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	\$4,284.00

DR. JUSTIN ALLEN LIBRARY FUND

<i>On Hand</i>	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Total</i>
January 1, 1956,	\$669.28	\$669.28
December 31, 1956,	\$690.35	\$690.35
January 5, 1957,	\$690.35	\$690.35
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1956

RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS	
Income,	\$21.07	Added to savings deposits,
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	\$21.07	

January 1 to 5, 1957

No transactions recorded

H. AUGUSTA DODGE LIBRARY FUND

<i>On Hand</i>	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Total</i>
January 1, 1956,	\$1,343.63	\$1,343.63
December 31, 1956,	\$1,385.93	\$1,385.93
January 5, 1957,	\$1,385.93	\$1,385.93
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1956

RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS	
Income,	\$42.30	Added to savings deposits,
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	\$42.30	

January 1 to 5, 1957

No transactions recorded

MAXWELL NORMAN FUND

<i>On Hand</i>	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Total</i>
January 1, 1956,	\$579.15	\$579.15
December 31, 1956,	\$598.12	\$598.12
January 5, 1957,	\$598.12	\$598.12
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1956

RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS	
Income,	\$18.97	Added to savings deposits,
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	\$18.97	

January 1 to 5, 1957

No transactions recorded

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

<i>On Hand</i>	<i>Cash</i>	<i>In General Treasury</i>	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Total</i>
January 1, 1956,	—		\$29,048.54	\$29,048.54
December 31, 1956,	\$150.00		\$32,136.54	\$32,286.54
January 5, 1957,		\$150.00	\$32,136.54	\$32,286.54
RECEIPTS				
Withdrawn from savings deposits,	\$555.00		Added to savings deposits,	\$3,643.00
Bequests,	2,825.00		Transferred to town,	555.00
Income,	968.00		Cash in general treasury December 31, 1956,	150.00
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	\$4,348.00			\$4,348.00
PAYMENTS				

January 1 to 5, 1957

Cash in general treasury		Cash in general treasury	
January 1, 1957,	\$150.00	January 5, 1957,	\$150.00
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CEMETERY SALE OF LOTS AND GRAVES FUND

<i>On Hand</i>	<i>Cash</i>	<i>In General Treasury</i>	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Total</i>
January 1, 1956,	—		\$11,870.81	\$11,870.81
December 31, 1956,	\$220.00		\$11,979.64	\$12,199.64
January 5, 1957,	\$220.00		\$11,979.64	\$12,199.64
1956				
RECEIPTS				
Withdrawn from savings deposits,	\$1,000.00		Added to savings deposits,	\$1,108.83
Sale of lots and graves,	955.00		Transferred to town,	1,000.00
Income,	373.83		Cash in general treasury December 31, 1956,	220.00
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	\$2,328.83			\$2,328.83
PAYMENTS				

January 1 to 5, 1957

Cash in general treasury		Cash in general treasury	
January 1, 1957,	\$220.00	January 5, 1957,	\$220.00
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TOWN OF HAMILTON

Balance Sheet December 31, 1956

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash :

General,	\$181,073.71
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Accounts Receivable :

Taxes :

Levy of 1955 :	
Real Estate,	\$708.54

Levy of 1956 :	
Poll,	2.00
Personal Property,	867.96
Real Estate,	8,051.11

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise :	9,629.61
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Levy of 1956,	7,874.52
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Special Assessment :

Moth—Levy of 1955,	3.20
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Tax Titles,	497.10
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Departmental :

Health,	\$110.00
Aid to Dependent Children,	936.24
Old Age Assistance—Cities and Towns,	111.43
School,	680.00
Cemetery,	88.00

	1,925.67
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Water :

Liens Added to Taxes :

Levy of 1956,	\$70.50
Rates,	4,427.83
Services,	222.73

	4,721.06
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Aid to Highways :

State,	\$844.52
County,	491.98

	1,336.50
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Loans Authorized :

Water,	112,000.00
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Unprovided for or Overdrawn Accounts:

Underestimates 1956 Assessments:

State Recreation Areas,	\$477.95
County Tuberculosis Hospital,	1,569.75
	2,047.70

Overlay Deficits:

Levy of 1956,	102.38
	\$321,211.45

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Tailings:

Unclaimed Checks,	\$41.18
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Gifts and Bequests:

Cemetery Perpetual Care,	150.00
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Trust Fund Income:

Cemetery Perpetual Care,	441.62
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Recoveries:

Old Age Assistance,	3,778.54
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Federal Grants:

Disability Assistance:

Administration,	\$90.64
Aid,	3,915.87

Aid to Dependent Children:

Administration,	482.76
Aid,	3,995.98

Old Age Assistance:

Administration,	2,806.19
Assistance,	28,266.74
	39,558.18

Revolving Funds:

School Lunch,	\$1,897.82
School Athletics,	538.18
	2,436.00

Appropriation Balances:

Revenue:

General:

Town Hall Painting and Repairs,	\$629.84
Civilian Defense,	210.15
Cutler School #2 Addition,	7,971.68
School Building Committee—Cutler School,	597.31
School Building Committee—Elementary School,	5,000.00
School Needs Committee,	336.39
Cemetery Improvements,	500.68

Water:

Mains, Wells and Pumping Equipment,	2,228.95
	17,475.00

Loans Authorized and Unissued, 112,000.00

Overestimate 1956:

County Tax,	331.59
Sale of Real Estate Fund,	3,225.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund,	220.00
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus,	10,261.92
Overlays Reserved for Abatements.	
Levy of 1955,	708.54

Revenue Reserved Until Collected:

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise,	\$7,874.52
Special Assessment,	3.20
Tax Title,	497.10
Departmental,	1,925.67
Water,	4,721.06
Aid to Highway,	1,336.50
	16,358.05

Surplus Revenue:

General,	114,225.83
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\$321,211.45

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:

Inside Debt Limit:	
General,	\$195,000.00
Outside Debt Limit:	
General,	392,000.00
Public Service Enterprise,	69,000.00
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	\$656,000.00
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Serial Loans:

Inside Debt Limit:	
General:	
School,	\$195,000.00
Outside Debt Limit:	
General:	
School;	392,000.00
Public Service Enterprise:	
Water,	69,000.00
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	\$656,000.00
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TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:

Cash and Securities:	
In Custody of Treasurer,	\$46,790.58
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In Custody of Treasurer,	\$46,790.58
Library Funds:	
Dr. Justin Allen Fund,	\$690.35
H. Augusta Dodge Fund,	1,385.93
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	\$2,076.28

Cemetery Funds:

Maxwell Norman Fund,	\$598.12
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds,	32,136.54
Cemetery Sale of Lots and Graves Fund,	11,979.64
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	44,714.30
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	\$46,790.58
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REPORT

of the

HAMILTON

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1956

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REPORT OF THE HAMILTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Voters of Hamilton:

The School Committee herewith accepts the report of the Superintendent of Schools, and respectfully transmits it to you, the citizens of Hamilton, as its report of public school activities during 1956.

As you all know, the population of Hamilton is rapidly increasing, so, of course, school enrollment figures have reached a new high. On account of this enrollment increase it will be most difficult to find sufficient classroom space at the start of the new school year in September 1957.

The School Committee hopes that more classrooms will be provided by the town by September 1958. To remedy the shortage the School Building Committee will present plans and recommendations for the construction of an elementary school at the annual town meeting and the School Committee respectfully requests your enthusiastic support of the Building Committee's recommendations.

Again the requirements of adequately operating a public school system for the education of our children will call for another budget increase for the year 1957.

The School Committee wishes to express its sincere appreciation to the town officers, citizens, and the Parent-Teacher Association for their splendid help and interest during the past year.

We also wish to congratulate our Superintendent of Schools, the Principals, our faculty and other school employees for their fine cooperation and the conscientious manner in which our school program has been carried out.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLAN MacCURRACH, Chairman
GRACE B. LAMSON
FREDERICK J. CALDWELL

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee:

I am pleased to submit herewith my fifth annual report, the fifty-fifth in the series of superintendents' annual reports to the Hamilton School Committee.

Continuing the pattern established in my previous reports, I shall review the accomplishments of the year in each of several important areas which make up the total operation of our school system.

The Staff

The success of our schools is based firmly upon the quality of our total staff. Each employee has an exacting responsibility. The School Committee selects and retains each one on the basis of his ability to make a major contribution to the aims and objectives of our schools. In these days of teacher shortage it is not easy to meet our demanding selection criteria, but we count it as a major achievement that we have not been forced to temporize with our high standards.

It has been necessary to intensify the search for qualified personnel and our quest takes us far afield. During the spring and summer months a major portion of the superintendent's time is devoted to this vitally important work. Replacements and additions to our staff have been successfully made and we point with pride to the able people who have joined our ranks.

The School Committee has been very much aware of the slowly changing financial status of all school personnel. Every effort has been made through a new revision of the salary scale to place Hamilton in a fair competitive position with other communities. New minimum and maximum salaries have been established so that our schools may attract and hold capable people on our staff. It seems inevitable that the expenses of instruction will continue to rise with the general level of all wages; further revision of our salary policies will be made as necessity dictates.

Our staff is increasing in size with the growth of our school population. We now have the services of forty-four teachers, supervisors, and administrators, a secretary and a part-time clerk, school doctor and nurse, four custodians, and seven cafeteria workers, for a total of fifty-nine.

Many members of our staff are continuing their professional improvement through work taken at several of our surrounding colleges and universities. The School Committee has also authorized a series of eight workshops for all teachers. These meetings are held on the last Wednesday afternoon of the month and they provide an opportunity for the staff to devote concentrated study to many areas of the curriculum.

During the year ahead it will be necessary to add at least three new teachers to the staff in order to take care of additional sections of grades four, six, and nine.

*The Curriculum**Elementary Grades*

At the elementary level, kindergarten through grade six, the staff directed its attention to a comprehensive study of the aims and objectives of every area of the total curriculum. This work resulted in a restatement of the interrelationship of each grade to every other grade. It makes it possible for each teacher of each grade section to see the total plan in action.

Another result of this study has been the integration and correlation of subject matter areas grade by grade. Thus the language arts program, begun in the kindergarten, progresses without interruption through grade six. Each teacher has definite responsibility for making a specific contribution to the whole program.

Similar efforts expended in arithmetic, social studies, science, music and art have resulted in concrete improvements in each. In the year ahead the staff will be continuing its curriculum study. Application of our findings has resulted in many cases in improved services to our children.

During the year we have expanded the testing program in all grades. We use a group intelligence test as a measure of native ability and the results help us to better meet the needs of the individual child.

Several of our teachers have become qualified to administer The Stanford-Binet Intelligence Test and this instrument is used whenever a need for it is found.

All pupils in the kindergarten were given The Metropolitan Readiness Tests in May. The results together with other records were helpful in planning programs for each child who was to enter the first grade.

The Stanford Achievement series was administered to all pupils in grades one through six. Graphs showing scores for each youngster were prepared and they became valuable aids in pointing out areas of strength and weakness to all. Teachers are using these data in working with individuals on improvement and enrichment programs.

We also began a cumulative record system for every pupil which will provide a continuing history of each child during his school career. Such a device inevitably helps us to serve each child better from year to year.

No small part of the value of our testing program and our cumulative record system is in the evidence it provides upon which to base needed curriculum change. It is our plan to continue these valuable services and we shall amplify them as our experience demonstrates the need.

Secondary Grades

Perhaps the greatest curriculum change in the past year has been at the high school level. Emphasis has been upon enrichment of the program together with an attempt to add subjects and courses that broaden the total offering available to the students.

Ancient History has been reintroduced to the program to bolster the social studies offering. A combination or fused seventh and eighth grade history-geography course replaces the old single subjects.

The mathematics required for graduation has been increased to two full years for all pupils. Fundamentals of arithmetic is now offered to those who do not elect Algebra. College preparatory mathematics is being revised to provide more time for trigonometry and calculus. In fact, we are all concerned to encourage greater achievement in mathematics and our efforts should result in decided improvement in the future.

The business education curriculum has been restudied and many modifications have been made in terms of grade placement of subjects. The department is increasing its usefulness constantly and the graduates of this specialization are finding attractive positions open to them.

Improving our work in science is a constant challenge. A new course in physiology has been introduced and extra sections of the usual sciences have been added. We were fortunate in having the opportunity to participate in the traveling science lecture and demonstration program sponsored by The Atomic Energy Commission and The National Science Foundation. Our students and invited guests from Topsfield and Manchester were stimulated by this excellent program.

Increasing enrollments are posing problems in our science classes because of the physical limitations of our laboratory.

The industrial arts program has been the subject of a rather complete revision. Woodworking, printing, and mechanical drawing will form the core of the curriculum and improved techniques and methods of teaching are producing real results. An equipment replacement program will further improve the facilities in our shops.

For the fourth consecutive year the Iowa Tests of Education Development were administered to all pupils in grades nine through twelve. The cumulative results of this testing program are proving to be invaluable to us in at least three specific ways. First, an analysis of each pupil's scores provide the staff and the pupil with evidence of pupil strengths and weakness in his preparation to date. Adjustments in the in- and out-of-school program for the student can be made which will capitalize on his demonstrated abilities and help him to overcome his known difficulties. The tests, therefore, are a prime tool in our guidance program.

The second value of the tests comes from a staff analysis of the results of each class in the high school as it moves from grade nine through grade twelve in order to detect areas of low achievement which are common to the whole group. It was through this type of study that we discovered the need for more intensive preparation in mathematics. Thus it may be seen that the test results are extremely important to us as indicators of possible needed curriculum changes.

A third way in which our test results help us is in measuring the general achievement of our pupils against national and New England averages. We are able to tell whether we as a school are helping our pupils to develop educationally to the fullest extent by comparison with

the results obtained through thousands of test applications. We are pleased to report that our pupils are showing excellent strength in the areas of English, social studies and science. As has been pointed out above, we discovered the need for improvement in mathematics and steps have been taken to meet this challenge.

For these and other reasons we feel that our testing program is proving to be of real service in our schools. Plans for the year ahead include the expansion of this work to include grades seven and eight.

This year saw the beginning of our long awaited instrumental music program. Pupils from grades four through twelve are eligible to participate and over one hundred youngsters have had a part in the training. Free group lessons are offered once each week in both schools and private lessons have been made available to those who wish them at modest cost.

One concert has already been given and the various groups are now preparing for their second public appearance. Progress has been excellent and we all look forward to the future with the knowledge that this new part of our curriculum is meeting a definite need in a commendable manner.

This brief description of our improving program of studies does not begin to detail the many hours of conscientious effort which have been put into this work by our total staff. We are constantly alert to meet the changing needs of the children in our schools and we feel it is our primary obligation to continually adjust the curriculum to satisfy the known objectives of our total school population.

The School Plant

The problems connected with housing our growing enrollment continue to be pressing and sometimes perplexing. Soon after school opened we counted 978 pupils and now in December we have increased to 989. Predictions for next year seem to indicate that an additional 100 children may be expected as a minimum.

In July, 1956, the Town authorized the construction of another two-room addition to the Manasseh Cutler School. This unit was completed and occupied in September and it has proven to be a very desirable addition to our school plant.

The Cutler School now contains eighteen classrooms which should be its maximum size. The all-purpose room in this building, used largely as a cafeteria space, is not adequate for the physical education and assembly programs that should be a part of the school's program.

The kindergarten, operating in four sections, and grade six in two sections, are still temporarily housed in the high school building. Beginning with the opening of school in September, 1957, we know that we shall need an extra section of grade four and grade six. To provide for these it will be necessary to remove the kindergarten from the high school, use one of the rooms vacated for a section of grade six, and use the other for the junior-senior high school. The big question raised here, of course, is what is to be done with the kindergarten.

The solution to this and other housing problems will be made in September, 1958, with the opening of a new twelve-room elementary

school. A Building Committee, authorized by vote of the Town in 1956 and headed by Frederic Winthrop, Chairman, has been at work planning for this new school plant. This building will be designed to house grades four through six, thus making it possible to use the present Cutler School as a primary unit housing the kindergarten and grades one through three.

Until this building is ready, the kindergarten must be housed in temporary quarters or it must be temporarily discontinued for a period of one year. The School Committee is at work now seeking the best solution to this perplexing problem. Every effort will be made of course to find the space for the kindergarten so that this most valuable unit in our educational plan need not be even temporarily suspended.

The School Committee and administration are very much aware of the coming housing shortage at the secondary level. The Building Needs Committee, in a separate report, will present the result of its investigation to date. We would here point out that classes of one hundred or more pupils each have now worked up through grade five and the next school year will see the forward wall moving into grade six. Obviously, grades seven through twelve will begin to feel this impact progressively in the next six years.

We urge immediate consideration of the need for a new four-year high school. Our present high school building will serve well as a junior high school, housing grades seven and eight. It would seem wise to examine the possibility of developing a mutually satisfactory regional high school plan with one or more of our neighboring communities.

Predictions on the probable future school population in our town indicate a steady and sizeable growth in the next eight to ten years. What will happen to enrollments beyond that point depends upon so many factors that accurate estimates are very difficult to make. We feel that the intelligent approach to our present and future problems of school housing dictates a continuing study by our Building Needs Committee of our ever-changing requirements. This Committee should report to the town at frequent intervals and make recommendations based upon long-range plans that will insure adequate facilities in which to carry on the work of the schools.

Cost of Operation

The School Committee, with the cooperative participation of the total staff, annually prepares the Public School Budget. The philosophy which guides this work is simply stated: every effort is made to provide every reasonable necessity for a truly functional educational program within the framework of the ability of the Town to support its children in its public schools.

We would assure the townspeople that we are mindful of the increasing size of the budget and yet we can only point out the obvious — our school enrollment is growing rapidly and our operating costs are mounting steadily.

For every school dollar spent, sixty-seven cents is for teachers

salaries. The remaining thirty-three cents pays for textbooks, supplies, operation and maintenance of plant, new and replacement equipment, general and miscellaneous expenses.

Our gross budget which is appropriated at town meeting is always larger than our actual net cost because our schools receive state reimbursement which is paid into the town treasury. Perhaps the best way of understanding the cost of our school is to consider it on a basis of per pupil cost which for the past several years has centered around \$240 to \$250. There is every reason to believe that we will be able to maintain this unit cost in the year ahead. Your attention is directed to the appendices of this report for an analysis of our 1956 and 1957 budgets.

Cafeteria Operation

Participation in the hot lunch program continues to grow with our increased enrollment. During the year we secured the services of a new cafeteria manager. This position, which was formerly combined with the home economics teaching assignment, is now a full-time responsibility. The new manager has been able to devote her time and effort to menu planning and supervision and improved meals have been the immediate result. We look for continued increases in pupil participation because we know of few other places where so much good food can be bought at such a low cost.

The program is largely self-supporting. Pupils pay twenty-five cents for a complete hot lunch including milk and dessert. Milk is available for those who bring their lunch and to any who wish extra milk at three cents per bottle. This income, together with a subsidy from the Federal Lunch Program, supplies our total income. A modest appropriation of \$3,000 pays the salary of the manager, buys all new and replacement equipment, and takes care of unforeseen contingencies.

Our lunch program has become an integral part of our whole school operation. We urge every parent to consider carefully the advantages of having his children participate.

Conclusion

This has been a year of continued progress in our schools. An able staff has effected basic improvement in our curriculum making it always more meaningful to our pupils. Parents and townspeople through the Parent-Teacher Association and other community organizations have shown increasing interest in the public schools and we acknowledge their participation with deep appreciation.

We have enjoyed the cooperation of our staff and the student body in our mutual efforts to make our good schools better. The members of the School Committee have devoted countless hours to the problems and issues facing us. The wisdom of their policy decisions is reflected daily in the harmonious progress of every facet of our public schools. I extend my sincere thanks to each of you for your dedicated service.

Respectfully submitted,

DOUGLAS A. CHANDLER,
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR:

In keeping with the health program of the town of Hamilton, the school physical examinations for the pupils is in its final phase at the present time. The preschool clinic was held in the spring of last year. Examinations were carried out with recommendations to respective parents. The purpose of these physical examinations is to afford the children a constant and chronological examination to show their natural development. Whereas, at the same time, affording the children extra medical care. The value of this is borne out by the defects uncovered in the children at the time of examination. The purpose of these examinations is not one of a derogatory nature toward the parent or the family physician regarding the care of the child. It is merely an informative measure, as an aid to both the child and the parent, to further and abet his continued attendance in school. The major defects divulged concerned the teeth. The condition of the teeth is improving since I first started examining the children. However, there is still a great deal of work which must be done as far as the care of the teeth is concerned. Many people feel that the initial care of first teeth is not a mandatory thing. However, it is felt by this physician that constant care of the teeth, from the time the child is about three years old until he has to lose them in old age, is a very important health factor.

A great deal of appreciation is extended to the school nurse for her aid in carrying out these examinations. In regard to this, with the growing population of the school which is now approaching the one thousand mark, it is highly recommended that a full time nurse be employed in the schools of Hamilton. Three days a week is hardly adequate for the amount of work she is required to do with the increase in clerical responsibility and increase in population. It is, therefore, highly recommended that a full-time nurse be employed. This recommendation has already been submitted to the School Committee and it is felt the same recommendation should be included in this report.

Again, as I did last year, I must reiterate the importance of the responsibility of the parents in the care of their children. In this respect I am referring to sending a child to school with very obvious symptoms of upper respiratory infections or other diseases.

It has been noted that many children have been sent to school with active infections including contagious diseases such as Chicken Pox and German Measles. The children had the obvious lesions prior to leaving home for school and were found in the classrooms in a very obvious contagious state. I do not feel that this shows good judgment. It is felt more stringent rules relative to the attendance of children in school with such obvious contagious diseases must be made. In one instance, I went into a classroom where the teacher could not teach there were so

many pupils coughing. This is certainly not being fair to the children not afflicted. The contamination of neighboring children is almost a certainty.

Two examining tables have been purchased for use in the schools, one for the Manasseh Cutler School and one for the High School. These tables have greatly facilitated the carrying out of the examinations and they have proved themselves a very definite aid to our program.

During the course of the year, two complete series of Salk vaccine innoculations were accomplished for all those who wished the serum. In this respect it is urged and recommended that every person should avail himself of this protection. There is ample vaccine available for all those who wish innoculations, from the new born to the aged.

In closing I want to thank all the members of the school system and the parents for the cooperation they have extended in helping us carry out our medical program. I also wish to again thank Miss Stobbart for her aid.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT G. LOVE, M.D.

School Physician

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR:

I herewith submit my twenty-seventh annual report as School Nurse for the Town of Hamilton.

Total Enrollment to Date — 989

Result of Physical Examination by Robert Love, M.D., School Physician, to date:

	<i>Defects</i>		<i>Corrections</i>
Moderate and enlarged tonsils	54	Moderate and enlarged tonsils	31
Moderate and enlarged glands	15	Moderate and enlarged glands	3
Heart Murmurs	19	Heart murmurs	
Posture	14	no special treatment	
Ears	10	Ears treated	8
Eyes	1	Eyes, no report	
Orthopedic	12	Orthopedic under treatment	5
Allergic condition	115	Allergic condition treated	115
Teeth	76	Dog bite cases treated	4
Other defects needing medical attention	8	Genital under treatment	5
Genital	5	Hypertension under treatment	3
Hypertension	3	No report on treatment	
Multiple warts	1	No report on treatment	
Seborrhea Oleosa	1		

Dental Work

The Town Dental Clinic is available to all children in grades one, two and three wishing to take advantage of it. The cost is 75 cents per treatment. I only wish it could be extended to all the children in the elementary schools. At present the clinic is held two mornings a week.

The total number of dental operations done this year in the clinic was 749. The total number of children from grades four through the high school reporting some dental care privately was 373, while the total number reporting dental work completed was 71.

Eye and Ear Examination

No. found with defective vision	39	No. with defective hearing	13
No. having glasses changed	29	No. having medical treatment	13
No. having eyes treated	2	No. wearing hearing aid	1
No. having eyes corrected with glasses	30		

Contagious and Communicable Diseases Reported

Chicken Pox	14	Mumps	8
Whooping Cough	7	Measles	10
Impetigo	2	Scarlet Fever	2
Allergic conditions	115	Pediculosis	4
German Measles	23		

Polio Clinic

Clinics were held this year to give parents the opportunity to have their children given the Salk Vaccine.

Many parents took advantage of these clinics; several parents had their children taken care of by their own family physician.

Checking the school population I find the following:

No. having at least one dose of Salk Vaccine	30
No. having had two doses of Salk Vaccine	738
No. having had three doses of Salk Vaccine	23

I believe many more children have had three doses of Salk Vaccine, however, their health cards do not have this information recorded as all third doses of Vaccine have been given privately.

General Work

My general work includes making appointments for children in the Town Dental Clinic, clerical work on health records and on town and state reports, weighing and measuring the children, making inspections for cleanliness, conducting the eye and ear examinations, and assisting the doctor at physical examinations and at clinics. I made 297 first aid dressings this year and paid 75 calls on the homes of various children.

Cafeteria Service

I wish to congratulate all the personnel in the cafeteria for their management and cleanliness in handling the school lunches both in the elementary and the high school.

May I also thank all the teachers, custodians, superintendent, principals, students and parents for their cooperation in carrying out our health program.

In closing I wish to thank Dr. Robert Love, School Physician, for this interest and professional ability in caring for the health examinations and clinics in our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE L. STOBART, R.N.,
School Nurse

APPENDICES
HAMILTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

	BUDGET 1956	EXPENDED 1956	BUDGET 1957
General Expense	\$12,850.00	\$12,790.63	\$15,340.00
Expense of Instruction	155,893.00	155,450.58	192,127.00
Textbooks and Supplies	9,990.00	9,466.05	13,650.00
Operation of Plant } Transfer } <td style="text-align: right;">25,600.00 1,000.00</td> <td style="text-align: right;">26,539.59</td> <td style="text-align: right;">28,575.00</td>	25,600.00 1,000.00	26,539.59	28,575.00
Maintenance of Plant	7,817.00	7,790.46	7,005.00
Auxiliary Agencies	18,827.00	18,209.40	26,379.00
Outlay	3,160.00	3,089.66	3,949.00
	<hr/> \$235,137.00	<hr/> \$233,336.37	<hr/> \$287,025.00
Special Appropriation			
Vocational	1,150.00	695.40	1,150.00
Totals	<hr/> \$236,287.00	<hr/> \$234,031.77	<hr/> \$288,175.00

LOCAL AND STATE REIMBURSEMENTS 1956

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 1956	\$234,031.77
CASH RECEIPTS DURING 1956	
(Turned over to Town Treasurer)	
From Commonwealth of Massachusetts:	
General School Fund	\$36,337.35
Transportation	5,225.28
Vocational	193.45
Transportation Special Education	35.00
Special Class — Physically handicapped	150.00
From Local Reimbursements:	
Miscellaneous	74.85
Tuition:	
Town of Wenham	570.00
E. Nichols	250.00
H. Watson	100.00
<hr/> Total	42,935.93
NET COST OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR 1956	\$191,095.84

REVOLVING FUND

Athletics

Balance, January 1, 1956	\$60.11
Receipts during 1956	762.54
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Total	\$822.65
Expenditures during 1956	284.47
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Balance, December 31, 1956	\$538.18

REVOLVING FUND

Cafeteria

Balance, January 1, 1956	\$1,869.88
Receipts during 1956 :	
Sale of Meals	\$19,987.04
Federal Subsidy	9,621.35
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Total	29,608.39
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Expenditures during 1956 :	
Labor	\$7,305.20
Food	21,780.07
Miscellaneous	495.18
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	29,580.45
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Cash Balance, December 31, 1956	\$1,897.82
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Accounts Receivable, December 31, 1956 :	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	
November Claim	1,087.64
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	
December Claim	799.42
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	\$1,887.06
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Accounts Payable, December 31, 1956 :	
Food for December	\$1,414.48

SCHOOL CENSUS AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1956

	Boys	Girls
Number between five and seven years of age	124	118
Number between seven and sixteen years of age	406	371
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Totals	530	489
Total Census		1,019
Distribution of the above minors, October 1, 1956:		
In the Public Day School		914
In Vocational School		1
In Private School		97
In State and County Institutions and Special Schools for Defective Delinquents		6
Not enrolled in any school		1
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Totals (should equal corresponding totals in the above regis- tration)		1,019

MEMBERSHIP BY AGE AND GRADE, OCTOBER 1, 1956

AGE

Grade	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Totals
Kdg.	25	67	1	1													94
1		28	72	8													108
2			31	70	7	3											111
3				27	72	15	4										118
4					26	63	12	1									102
5						32	59	8	2								101
6							15	34	7	4	1						61
7								18	28	7							53
8									15	39	4	2					60
9										23	28	4	1				56
10											15	28	6	1			50
11												7	17	4			28
12													36				36
Totals	25	95	104	106	105	113	90	61	52	73	48	41	60	5			978

RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS, 1956

<i>Name</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Years of Service</i>
Wilbur Armstrong	High	Retired	12
Millicent Boswell	High	Other Position	13
Doris Blood	Manasseh Cutler	Other Position	3
Bernard Cullen	High	Other Position	4
Benjamin Draper	High	Military Service	1
Elizabeth Edmondson	School Committee Clerk	Resigned	13
Betty Foster	Manasseh Cutler	Resigned	1
Marshall Gero	High	Work in Industry	10
Nancy O'Brien	Manasseh Cutler	Leave of Absence	1
Edith Ross	Manasseh Cutler	Other Position	3
Forrest Troop	Manasseh Cutler	Other Position	3
John Valois	High	Continue Education	2
Joan Woodbury	High	Resigned	3

HAMILTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS' DIRECTORY, JANUARY 1, 1957

		Yrs. of Exp.	Appoint- ment	Degrees
SUPERINTENDENT	Douglas A. Chandler	1952	25	B.B.A., Ed. M.
SECRETARY	Mrs. Alfred Edmondson	1928	29	—
CLERK	Mrs. G. Gordon Love	1956	5	—
TEACHERS				
<i>High School</i>				
PETER N. COFFIN	PRINCIPAL	1955	6	B.A., M.A.
EDITH M. ANDERSON	Grade 7	1929	42	—
RUTH AUSTEN	English	1945	12	A.B., Ed. M.
MRS. MARY BERGMAN	Business	1954	21	B.S.E.
MRS. EDNA BERRY	Home Economics	1956		B.S.E.
MARIE T. D'ARCHE	Grade 7	1956	2	B.A.
NATALE FEDERICIO	Boys Physical Education	1955	12	B.S.
MRS. MARGARET FERRINI	Languages	1956	7	A.B.
HELEN M. HAYES	Business	1956	2	B.S.E.
HAROLD HERBER	English	1955	1	B.A., B.D.
WILLIAM HOWAT	Manual Training	1956	7	B.S.E.
CARL J. MARTINI	Mathematics	1950	13	B.S., M.A.
PRISCILLA MCKAY	English	1950	10	B.S.E.
MRS. LINDA MORSE	Girls Physical Education	1956		B.S.
WILTON J. MOYER	Social Studies	1949	16	B.S.E.
MRS. KATHRYN NICKERSON	Grade 8	1956	1	A.B.
RAYMOND WALLACE	Science	1956	4	B.S., M. Ed.
<i>Manasseh Cutler School</i>	PRINCIPAL	1921	36	—
MARIAN C. JOSEPH	Grade 6	1927	30	B.S.E.
ELLEN DUFFY (High School Building)				

Yrs. of Exp.	Appoint- ment	Degrees
Mrs. Mildred Scanlon (High School Bldg.)	Grade 6	1953 21
Mrs. Ramona Augustine	Grade 5	1956 1
Mrs. Esther Goddard	Grade 5	1952 22
Mrs. Winifred Sheehan	Grade 5	1956 A.B., M.A.
Margaret Batchelder	Grade 4	1920 37
Mrs. Dorothy Jones	Grade 4	1953 17
Mrs. Jeanne Mattern	Grade 4	1956 10
Mrs. Janice Herber	Grade 3	1956 3
Mrs. Glory Hussey	Grade 3	1954 7
Mrs. Carolyn Lander	Grade 3	1950 19
Mrs. Louise Leach	Grade 3	1954 10
Mrs. Doris Foster	Grade 2	1948 12
Mrs. Ruth B. Harris	Grade 2	1949 7
Mrs. Jean Howland	Grade 2	1955 7
Mrs. Jeanne Ann Neiderer	Grade 2	1956 3
Mrs. Nena Hayes	Grade 1	1952 7
Mrs. Elizabeth Kimball	Grade 1	1956 B.S.E., A.M.
Mary E. Lucy	Grade 1	1948 8
Mrs. Harriet Watson	Grade 1	1955 9
Mrs. Loretta Cantwell (High School Bldg.)	Kindergarten	1956 B.S., M.A.
Harriet Erskine (High School Bldg.)	Kindergarten	1946 12
Mrs. Ruth McCann	Remedial Reading	1953 9
SUPERVISORS		
Rupert Lillie	Art	1953 11
Maude L. Thomas	Music	1923 24
SCHOOL NURSE		
Florence L. Stobbart		
SCHOOL PHYSICIAN		
Dr. Robert G. Love		

	Yrs. of Exp.	Appoint- ment	Degrees
CUSTODIANS			
<i>High School</i>			
Vernal Pollard	1955	23	—
Everett C. Welch	1954	20	—
<i>Manasseh Cutler School</i>			
Hovey Humphrey	1942	28	—
Fred Morris	1953	25	—
CAFETERIA WORKERS			
<i>High School</i>			
Madeleine Linehan	1956	28	—
Mrs. Marybelle Dolliver	1953	3	—
Mrs. Loretta Tremblay	1946	10	—
<i>Manasseh Cutler School</i>			
Mrs. Margaret Brack	1943	13	—
Mrs. Marguerite Brumby	1954	2	—
Mrs. Nellie Knowlton	1955	1	—
Mrs. Lois Piotrowski	1955	1	—
MANAGER			

FORTY-SIXTH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
 Hamilton High School
 Memorial Auditorium

Thursday Evening, June 14, 1956
 at Eight O'clock

PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL — Pomp and Circumstance	<i>Edward Elgar</i>
INVOCATION	Reverend Norman B. Cawley
SELECTION — "My Own America"	<i>Allie Wrubel</i>
COMMENCEMENT THEME — What America Means to Me	
"What Is An American"	Margery Davenport Ricker
"What Is America"	<i>Iris Blanche Earley</i>
SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS	
American Legion	Louis Valade, <i>Commander, A. P. Gardner Post 194, A. L.</i>
P. T. A. Scholarship	Mrs. William F. MacKenzie <i>President, Hamilton P. T. A.</i>
Hamilton Teachers' Club	Forrest L. Troop <i>President, Hamilton Teachers' Club</i>
Bausch and Lomb Science Medal	Wilbur B. Armstrong <i>High School Science Department</i>
SELECTION — "One World"	<i>Geoffrey O'Hara</i>
PRESENTATION OF CLASS OF 1956	Peter N. Coffin <i>Principal, Hamilton High School</i>
AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS	Allan MacCurrach <i>Chairman, School Committee</i>
BENEDICTION	
RECESSIONAL	

GRADUATES

Sandra Jean Bertone
Robert Chester Caverly, Jr.
Gary Gerald Colwell
Helen Louise Cronk
Diane Audrey Crowley
Margaret Julia Cullinane
George Francis Delaney, Jr.
Charles Whitfield Dolliver, Jr.
Mary Frances Donlon
Iris Blanche Earley
Lewis Lawrence Joseph Foote
Claire Elisa Gilbert
Sandra Goldie Higgins
Nannette Lander
Roy Fillmore Leach, Jr.
Susan Gail MacKenzie
Edward Andrew Millett
Richard Raymond Patenaude
William Peter Poole, Jr.
Bruce Norman Ranger
Jeanne Mary Rice
Margery Davenport Ricker
Richard Ainslie Shannon
Thomas Edward Sinkiewicz
Sylvia Ruth Thibodeault
Roberta Merthe Tremblay
Shirley Mae Trepanier
Mary Geraldine Walke

SCHOOL CALENDAR

(Subject to Change)

1957

January 2	Schools open
February 15	Schools close for February Recess
February 25	Schools open
April 12	Schools close for Spring Recess
April 22	Schools open
May 30 and 31	Memorial Day — no sessions
June 21	All schools close
Summer Vacation	
September 4	Schools open
October 9	County Teachers' Convention — no session
November 11	Veterans' Day
November 27	Schools close at noon for Thanksgiving Recess
December 20	Schools close at noon for Christmas Vacation
1958	
January 2	Schools open

AGE OF ADMITTANCE

Pupils entering the kindergarten in September must have been at least four years of age on January 1st preceding entrance in September.

Pupils entering the first grade in September must have been at least five years of age on January 1st preceding entrance in September.

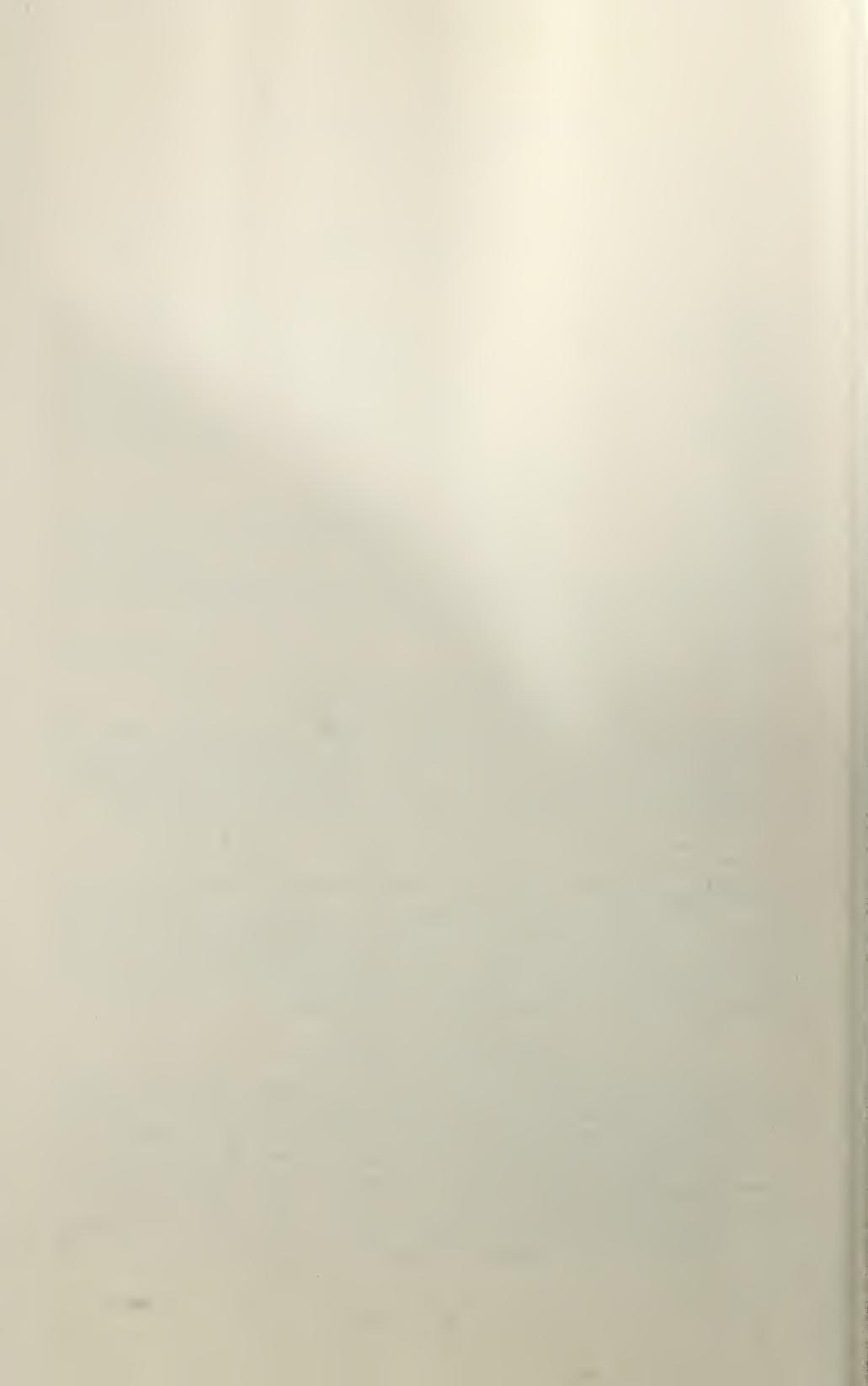
VACCINATION

Children who have not been vaccinated will not be admitted to school in September unless they present a certificate from a regular practicing physician stating that they are not fit subjects for vaccination. Parents are requested to attend to this matter during the summer vacation, as certificates of vaccination or exemption must be presented at the opening of school to entitle children to admission.

NO-SCHOOL SIGNAL

As a matter of policy school will be in session whenever possible. When weather conditions are questionable parents are urged to exercise their own judgment as to whether their children are sent to school or not.

If it seems inadvisable to have school sessions the following procedure for no-school signals will be observed. Radio stations WHDH, WBZ, and WESX will be notified not later than 7:00 a.m. so that notification may be broadcast by them between 7:15 and 7:30 a.m. At 7:00 a.m. the no-school signal 22-22 will be sounded on the local fire alarm.



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